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## THE BISHOP'S PAGE

My Dear Friends:

By the time this letter appears it will be my privilege and responsibility to greet you as your Bishop. The Consecration and Enthronement will be over—an unforgettable experience in my life, and I hope also an inspiration to all who attended. It was a special joy that the Primate, as Metropolitan, was the Chief Consecrator.

It is not wise for a man to come among you with preconceived ideas, and I hope I shall not do so. Yet he can gather quite a bit of information which will help him if used wisely. Therefore in the past two months I have been using every spare moment to learn all I could about this diocese. It was fitting that my education was begun by my dear friend and guide, the Bishop of Ottawa. He knew Edmonton well forty years ago, as he was the first Rector of Christ Church here. The day after your election was held he sent over to me a map, drawn by his own pen, on which he had marked the boundaries of Edmonton Diocese, and also every parish and mission.

Then letters began to come in from friends who know the Church here. They were unanimous in their testimony "You will be happy in Edmonton. There is a wonderful spirit there."

Besides this there was the statistical information I could gather from the Synod Journals and also from the Census returns. Of course the value of statistics depends upon two factors—their accuracy and the interpretation that is placed on them. I can't say that Church statistics are always accurate. I knew one Rector in Toronto who had a unique way of making returns. He would call up the guileless curate of a neighboring parish and ask him "How many baptisms were there at St.....'s last year? How many weddings? and so on. And if the Curate said 100 baptisms, he would put down 110 on his form, on the theory that his parish was busier and larger than his neighbor's. With such foibles in human nature you

can understand why we approach statistics with a certain caution.

The Dominion Census returns are always interesting, and will repay careful study for the Churchman. Did you know, for instance, that the 1951 Census shows that in Alberta the Anglican Church is third in numerical strength, coming after the United and Roman Catholic Churches? What is remarkable is that in urban Alberta our Church beats out the Roman Catholic Church, and takes second place by a small margin. But in rural Alberta we drop to fourth, with the Lutherans taking third. These are facts that merit careful thought.

But I realize very well that I shall never know the Diocese of Edmonton until I know you, its people. Every unit in the Census returns means a person whom God loves and for whom Christ died. It is people who matter in the Church. We have been called into a fellowship, the Communion of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in the next few months I shall be coming amongst you. I do not want to see you only from the pulpit. I hope that wherever I go there will be opportunities for at least a handshake with you. The Dean has prepared a list of engagements for me, most of them in Edmonton City at first because of the weather factor. But as soon as possible I want to be moving all over the Diocese.

I must close with a word of personal appreciation for the heavy load the Dean has been carrying as Administrator of the Diocese. He has fulfilled these extra duties with grace and with devotion. And he, with Archdeacon Tackaberry and Archdeacon Clough, have been a wonderful help in getting me started.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

HOWARD EDMONTON.

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## EDITORIAL

Whether we drive or whether we walk most of us have experienced it over and over again. We seem to be getting along quite well, by and large others are moving along with us, we look ahead and see in the distance the green light which means that we can keep right on going the way we are. But as we approach the intersection the traffic light changes, it is no longer green but amber and we know, from our experience, that soon it will be red.

Judging from the universality of such procedure it must have proven valuable in practice to the authorities and to the good of all concerned. Judging from our church year—very much the same principle has proven valuable as applied to our Christian practice and discipline. All through the long season of Trinity we journey forward in company with our fellow churchman and then, like the amber light, there comes a Sunday called, "the Sunday Next Before Advent," a caution that the four weeks of preparation for Christmas is about to begin. It happens again after Christmas and Epiphany. There may be any number up to six weeks "after Epiphany" and then

suddenly a change—"Septuagesima, Sexagesima and Quinquagesima"—this time a three-week period of caution, but serving the same purpose, as the hymn puts it:

*Those three Sundays before Lent  
Will prepare us to repent,  
That in Lent We may begin  
Earnestly to mourn for sin.*

Lent is not a "negative" season—just as our pause at the intersection need not be negative. It helps us to get our bearings, it gives us time to consider where we are going and why, to think of the welfare of others, even so the season of Lent can be the most "positive" and the most "productive" season of the church year. The time when we cultivate and enrich the soil so that we may, by the Grace of God, bring forth in our lives the "fruits of the Spirit."

Discipline and Discipleship are not only alike in spelling, they are allied in Christian practice because we are what we are—sons of men in need of discipline, yet children of God called to Christ's discipleship. The Church in her wisdom cautions us to prepare for all the opportunities that will be ours if we carefully and prayerfully approach the Lenten season that lies immediately ahead of us.

*"O Jesus Christ, the Lord of all good life, who hast called us to help build the city of God; do thou enrich and purify our lives and deepen in us our discipleship. Help us daily to know more of thee, and through us by the power of thy Spirit, show forth thyself to other men."*

## KALENDAR

### FEBRUARY

- 2—Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 7—5th Sunday after Epiphany
- 14—Septuagesima
- 21—Sexagesima
- 24—St. Matthias
- 28—Quinquagesima

## BROADCASTING

### FEBRUARY—

- 7 All Saints' Cathedral.....CJCA
- 21 Holy Trinity.....CJCA

### MARCH—

- 7 All Saints' Cathedral.....CJCA
- 14 St. Faith's.....CFRN
- 21 Christ Church.....CJCA

## ANGLICAN SUNDAY SCHOOL OF THE AIR

Every Sunday, 10:45 a.m.....CFRN



# ST. MARY'S CHURCH OPENING. JAN. 24, 1954

## Bishop Clark Officiating

January 24, 1954 was a day not to be forgotten by the parishioners of St. Mary's, the Highlands. For on that day we had the official opening and dedication of our new church building and memorial furnishings; a long stride from the first Sunday School in 1913 and the first church building in June 1914 which was consecrated by the late Bishop H. A. Gray, the first bishop of Edmonton. The original building, 20 by 30 feet, has been added to throughout the years and seated 100 persons, but our new church is arranged for seating for over two hundred. This church is the most recent of our building programs and is the culmination of the dreams of many. We erected a parish hall in 1946, completed a rectory in 1949, and plans for the new church started in January 1951. The final go ahead given in January 1953, the first sod turned May 8, 1953 and now we move into the new premises in January 1954. If someone had forecast ten years before that we would have a congregation of 467 persons at morning service at St. Mary's we would have looked at him with tongue in cheek, but that was the record, 467 persons in attendance that morning.

It was a disappointment to learn that Archbishop Barfoot would not be able to be present due to the late arrival of his train in the city. However, we were blessed in having with us that morning our new Bishop, Bishop H. H. Clark, who capably took over the opening service and on such short notice gave an inspiring and encouraging sermon. The service was a lovely one and the choir added much to the pleasure of the event, and the choir's rendering of the anthem, "Thy House, O Lord, For Evermore," composed and arranged by Mrs. Eric Marsh, especially for this service, was a treat. Our deep thanks to her for this effort. Our rector, Canon W. T. Elkin, was a happy man that day, and his joy and pleasure at the wonderful events of the day was easily apparent.

Following the morning dedication, the evening service took the form of a mem-

orial service, at which time The Most Rev. Walter F. Barfoot, Primate, dedicated the new furnishings which had been presented by members of the congregation as memorial and as thank-offerings.

As the choir and congregation joined to sing the verses of the most beautiful hymn, "We love the place, O God, wherein thine honour dwells"—His Grace moved from one place to the other as designated by the specific verse of the hymn, and as the music ceased, he dedicated each memorial in its turn.

The Altar, a memorial to Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Cook, was presented by Mrs. Cook's sister, Miss A. Coombe. The Pulpit, given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Cook, was the gift of their daughter, Mrs. K. Darius. The lectern, a memorial to Mrs. Lorena Barfoot, was the gift of her husband, the Primate. The communion rail, in loving memory of Mrs. Lucy Harknett, was the gift of her husband Mr. S. G. Harknett. The prayer desk and seat given in memory of Mrs. M. Darius, was the gift of her son, Mr. K. Darius. The baptismal font given in memory of little Sharon Toane, was the gift of her family and her friends. As thankofferings, His Grace, the Primate dedicated the Hymn board—a gift of the Girl's Auxiliary of St. Mary's and of the 40th Cub Pack; a pair of brass candle sticks, the gift of Mrs. D. Wilders; and a candle extinguisher, the gift of two little boys in the parish, Brent and Garth Pickard.

At the close of this most inspiring part of the service, the Rt. Rev. R. J. Pierce, Bishop of Athabasca, entered the newly dedicated pulpit to deliver the first sermon from it.

Bishop Pierce chose as his text part of the seventeenth verse of the fifth chapter of II Corinthians: "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature." "To what effect," asked Bishop Pierce, "if we build and dedicate to the glory of God so beautiful a building, adorned with lovely

new furniture and other furnishings, if at the same time we come to worship in our new house of God as the same old Mary Brown and John Smith, with hearts stained with sin and with selfish desires? We must truly learn to put aside the 'old' undesirable parts of our individual beings, and bring to God a new heart, befitting His beautiful new house of worship."

Following both morning and evening services, a reception was held in the church basement. Guests of honour included the Primate, Bishop and Mrs. Clark and members of their family, Bishop and Mrs. Pierce, the Chancellor and Mrs. Ford and others. Guests were received by the rector and Mrs. Elkin.

Presiding at the tea urns during the morning and evening were Mrs. W. G. Bide, Mrs. K. A. King, Mrs. T. M. White and Mrs. Eric Marsh.

For the occasion the tea table was laid in white linen and centered with attractive arrangements of early spring blossoms in low crystal bowls.

Members of the afternoon and evening groups of the W.A. were hostesses at the receptions and in charge of arrangements were Mrs. H. B. Burden and Mrs. T. M. White.

How thankful we are to those who created the spark to start us off on this building program and who provided encouragement and showed us that "where there is a will, there is a way," and that we can "accomplish all things through Christ." Our many thanks also to all those who had a hand in the completion of the building, to the contractors, to the building and finance committees who worked long and hard on this project, to those men of the parish who gave of their time and talents voluntarily to accomplish much to speed along the finishing of the building and to the ladies who also gave valuable aid and help.



# DIOCESAN NEWS



## Lenten Noon Day Speakers March

- 3- 5—The Rt. Rev. H. H. Clark,  
Bishop of Edmonton  
8-12—The Very Rev. N. S. Noel, Dean  
of Regina  
15-19—The Rt. Rev. K. Evans, Bishop  
of Ontario  
22-26—The Rev. F. Smye, St. Luke's,  
London, England  
28- 2 Apr.—The Rev. T. J. Finlay, Ot-  
tawa, Ontario

## April

- 5- 9—The Rt. Rev. I. A. Norris, Bishop  
of Brandon  
12-16—The Rev. Spencer Elliott, Win-  
nipeg

## Laymen's Dinner

The annual Laymen's Dinner will be held on Shrove Tuesday, March 2nd, in the Macdonald Hotel, Edmonton. The speaker this year will be our Bishop, the Right Reverend H. H. Clark. Tickets are available for all laymen of the Diocese (\$2.00) and may be obtained from the parish representative.

## Thank You

A letter of appreciation has been received from Frog Lake for the Christmas toys and gifts sent there in December. Those in charge would like all Parishes who contributed parcels to know how delighted the children were with their generous contributions.

## Clothing Needed

The Social Service Rooms—11713 - 93rd Street, Edmonton, are urgently in need of clothing for men and women and children. Particularly at this time of year, with the cold weather and the seasonal unemployment, the requests for assistance are on the increase. Any clothing in good repair would be greatly appreciated. If it is not convenient to have it delivered directly to the Social Service Rooms please leave or send it to the Synod Office, 10029 - 103rd Street, Edmonton.

## Resignation Announced

The Rev. G. D. Kelly, Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Edmonton, for the past six and a half years, will leave the Diocese shortly to become Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Winnipeg.

## Memorial for Bishop and Mrs. Gray

A number of friends of the late Bishop and Mrs. Gray have instituted a fund to instal a window in All Saints' Cathedral in memory of the past Bishop of Edmonton and his wife.

Archdeacon Gray was consecrated in 1914 at the time the diocese of Calgary was divided. He and Mrs. Gray were beloved by all, and the memory of them still lives in the hearts and minds of many of the more mature of this generation. It was thought that while many people are still resident here who knew Bishop and Mrs. Gray, that a memorial to them should not be delayed further.

Mrs. Robert McLaughlin, Box 4416, South Edmonton, a life-long friend of both of them, is heading up the fund and would be glad to receive contributions.

## A Good Job Well Done

It has been reported that the response to the 1953 Whitsuntide Appeal for \$5,000 to assist in grants to mission parishes has been over-subscribed. This indicates a splendid response from most parishes of the Diocese. For 1954 there will be no Diocesan-sponsored Whitsuntide appeal this year. The money need for special grants in the amount of over \$7,000 has been placed in the Diocesan budget.

## A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

11014 - 123rd St.,

Edmonton, Dec. 4th, 1953.

A letter to the Editor:

A couple of years ago the Diocese of Nova Scotia (28,000 families) opened the doors of Synod to women. Last year the great Diocese of Toronto took similar action, confirming a vote which was taken the previous year. As this matter could come up in our own Synod at any time it should be of interest to examine the procedure.

Article 4 of the Constitution states among other things that "Lay Delegates must be male communicants." Obviously this article must be amended in order to make women eligible for election as delegates to the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton. The way to do this is set out in Article 14 which reads as follows, viz, "No alteration shall be made in this constitution unless the proposition has been first sent to the Executive Committee for consideration; approved at the meeting of the Synod by the Bishop and a majority of two-thirds of each order present voting separately and afterwards confirmed by the Bishop and a like majority of each order at the following meeting of the Synod, provided a change may at once pass into law if unanimously agreed to by the Synod."

Whatever may be thought of this Article 14, in a general way, there is good reason for objecting to this method of voting in relation to this clause four. A two-to-one vote is in itself quite a formidable requirement to face but this clause goes beyond that because it calls for a two-to-one vote of each order voting separately, which could be considerably more restrictive than a majority of both order's (clerical and lay) voting collectively.

It is also to be remembered that women at present have no votes in Synod. The objection then to this method of voting is that it leaves the way open for less than one-third of those voting to defeat the will of those in favor of a motion. A procedure that could easily lead to such a result can hardly be termed democratic.

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## EDMONTON CHURCHMAN

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## Children's Corner

Hello Boys and Girls.

I hardly know how to begin. You see everyone is talking about the weather. Some of us are struggling with frozen pipes and others with cars that just will not start. Yes! it's 31 degrees below zero but that may all be forgotten by the time you read this.

The other day there was such a commotion just outside the Rectory window. I think there must have been at least fifty Cedar Waxwings rapidly eating the berries from a bush just under the window. I had never seen these birds at such close quarters before. They are a soft brown in color and have a black line running from the eyes around the back of the head. Their tail is tipped with yellow. I wondered just what they were doing in Alberta in January as I always thought they spent the winter in the United States. There was no doubt that they were very hungry, for in a few minutes all the berries had disappeared.

I cannot think of birds without thinking of a man who was born about 700 years ago in a little town in Italy called Assisi. I'm sure you have guessed his name, Saint Francis of Assisi. As a youth Francis lived at home with his parents who were very rich and who gave him a great deal of money and many beautiful clothes. He loved pleasure, and he loved spending money and having great feasts for his friends. He was always very lovable and kind, tender-hearted and could never bear to see anyone hungry, cold or ill. Once when he was wearing a very splendid suit of clothes, he met a man all in rags who had been a brave and fine soldier; Francis, when he saw him, at once got off his horse and took off his fine clothes and gave them to the poor soldier. Often he would empty his purse into the hands of some poor and wretched beggar. So the rich and poor loved him. But it was really a selfish, thoughtless life St. Francis was leading.

Then Francis fell ill, and for a long time he had to lie in bed, and he had much time to think. He began to realize how dull and empty it is to live only for one's self or pleasure. As he lay awake one night he heard a voice speaking to him. He realized that it was Christ calling him. He knew that Jesus Christ was calling him to forsake all, and follow Him.

St. Francis obeyed at once. He left his father's house and all his riches, and clad in a coarse brown dress such as the poor peasants wore, he went out barefoot and preached to the people. And because St. Francis gave up all to follow the Master, instead of money and gay companions, our Lord gave him the gift of a great love for everything living. No service was too lowly for St. Francis to do for man, woman or child, and he not only loved people but he also had a wonderful love for birds, beasts and flowers. Many wonderful stories are told of his great love for dumb animals. One day St. Francis was walking along the road when he heard the sound of cooing doves. Round a corner came a boy, with a number of wild doves caught and fastened in a wicker cage. He was taking them to the market to be sold. Now, when St. Francis saw them, he was very sad. He could not bear to think of them being prisoners in that cage. Perhaps, too, they would be killed. He looked at them very tenderly, and then said to the boy, "I pray you, give those doves to me, and do not let them fall into the hands of cruel men who will kill them." The boy, seeing Francis' kind face and hearing his loving voice, unlatched the cage and gave the birds to Francis.

The doves flew out and perched happily on the saint's shoulders, and he spoke to them. "Little sisters, why do you let yourselves be caught? Now I have rescued you from death, and I will make nests for you that you may lay your eggs there, and care for your young, as God wills you to do." So he went back along the road, the doves flying round him, to where some of the other Brothers were. There they made some nests. The birds laid their eggs, and one spring day, the shells cracked and broke, and tiny baby doves looked out.

Francis often stood close to the nests and watched the mother birds tending their young, and the father birds searching for food. When the young ones were ready to fly, Francis spoke to them and told them to go now to the green woods which were their home. As he spoke, the doves stretched their wings and flew away.

St. Francis was very happy, always singing, and loved by everyone. He knew that the true secret of happiness is to forget oneself and to love and help others.

I wonder, Boys and Girls, if you would like to write me and tell me how

many different kinds of birds are mentioned in the Bible. I have a prize waiting for the one who sends in the longest list of names. Here's one: a "Dove".

So long for now.

Yours sincerely,

Uncle Geoff.

10029 - 103rd Street,  
Edmonton, Alberta.

## A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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The congregation of St. Peter's Church, Edmonton, at its last annual meeting passed a resolution favoring an amendment to clause 14, which would provide that in the event of any motion being made in Synod to make women eligible as delegates to that body, such motion should become valid as to voting when it received a majority of the votes of both orders voting collectively.

In this connection it is well to remind ourselves that the vote last year of the Synod of Toronto was ninety-eight to eighty-nine on this matter, as given in the press, including The Edmonton Churchman. This close vote indicates that the decision there was on a majority vote.

Yours very truly,

N. C. Lyster.

**A Sower Went Forth** by Richardson Wright published by S.P.C.K. and available from the G.B.R.E., 604 Jarvis St., Toronto (\$1.50).

A small, inexpensive book containing thirteen meditations for Lent. These helpful directions and suggestions are written by a retired editor of House and Garden. As one might expect from one interested and versed in gardening, a close analogy to the art of successful horticulture and to the cultivation of the soil for the reception of the seed which is "the word of God" is drawn.

An egotist—is a man who talks so much about himself, that he gives me no time to talk about MYSELF.

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Aunt: "Marilyn, were you a good little girl at church today?"

Marilyn: "Oh, yes, aunty. A strange man offered me a big plate of money and I said, 'No, thank you'."

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Most of the shadows of this life are caused by our standing in our own sunshine.—R. W. Emerson.





# Woman's Auxiliary



## Daily Prayer for Peace

Our Father in Heaven, we pray thee to send into our hearts and into the hearts of all men everywhere the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Welcome!

The President and members of the Edmonton Diocesan Board of the W.A. extend a warm welcome to Bishop and Mrs. H. Clark.

## New Life Members

Dominion Life Member:

Mrs. A. Wallis, St. Luke's W.A.

Diocesan Life Members:

Mrs. R. E. McClung, St. Luke's Evening W.A.

Mrs. R. L. Johnston, St. Luke's Evening W.A.

Mrs. R. L. Robson, St. John's Afternoon W.A.

## United Thank Offering Fund (January to June)

In 1954 a further demand will be made on the United Thank Offering Fund, due to a resolution passed at the Annual Meeting — "That the grant of \$1,000.00 for maintenance at the Anglican Women's Training College, formerly included in the Budget, be increased to \$1,500.00 and that the grant be made from the United Thank Offering Fund."

## G.A.

New branch Edgerton.

## Please Note!

Will each branch secretary please send slate of officers for 1954 without delay, to the Recording Secretary, Mrs. F. A. Garton, 10348 - 124th Street.

## Coming Events

The first Board Meeting of this year will likely be held on the Friday preceding Ash Wednesday. This will be an all-day meeting at Christ Church. It is hoped that all branches will send delegates as this will be the last meeting before the Annual.

The Annual Meeting will be held, as usual, during the week following the Easter holidays.

## Camsell Notes

The President thanks all branches who donated Christmas gifts for the Camsell ladies and children. These gifts were tied so attractively with Christmas cards,

they must have brought Anglican cheer to the recipients. Archdeacon Clough very kindly made the distribution.

## From Archdeacon Webster Of Aklavik

"With 100 patients in the hospital, 85 of whom are T.B. patients, I am kept busy with visiting and instruction. Every Thursday evening I have shortened Evening Prayer, concluding with a study of "Acts". This is relayed over five loud-speakers to the wards.

"At the end of January 1953 I travelled through the Delta by dog-team, going as far as Tuktoyaktuk for three weeks' work.

"The summer of 1953 I went to Cambridge Bay on the "Fort Hearne", pushing our way slowly for 28 hours through ice two winters old. At Cambridge Bay I was a guest at the Hudson's Bay manager's and his wife for two weeks while I awaited the smaller boat, the "Natchilik", to take me to Spence Bay. During the delay I held daily services.

"It took 44 hours from Cambridge Bay to King William Land Post and 20 hours more to Spence Bay. While there I visited Eskimo tents and held services in Eskimo and English.

"I also visited Coppermine. The Sperrys were very well, Mrs. Sperry having made a remarkable recovery from her illness in the Spring of 1953.

"My journey then took me to Holman Island Post, to Banks Island and to Tuktoyaktuk, travelling at full speed but working through scattered ice and fog. At Tuk I found Captain and Mrs. Frith (Church Army folk) settling in very nicely. This full trip from Aklavik and back took 6½ weeks; the distance travelled being 3200 miles.

"It is distressing that Spence Bay and Cambridge Bay are still without a mis-

sionary. The Roman Catholic Church has landed building material to build a new mission at or near Cambridge Bay. The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few; pray ye for laborers, ones willing to do and dare for the Master. Aklavik, too, needs your prayers for the young people and children in our school, and for the sick ones in hospital, especially Renie Martin, a convert through Captain Friths' mission last July."

## Missionary Prayer Corner

Let us give thanks

—for the work done by the Christian Literature Council in Hong Kong to spread the word of God in the Far East (last year the Gospel of Matthew was printed in the native tongue of the Formosan Aborigines, the first time that their language had been reduced to writing.)

—for all that our Indian Residential Schools are doing to improve the education and health of our Indian children. Let us pray

—for God's blessing and protection for the Chinese Church in Hong Kong, which, though abandoned by its Mother Church in China, has braved the Communist menace, becoming a vigorous young Church.

—that God will lead many young Indian Christians to give themselves to His service, that the Indian Church may grow in strength and influence.

—that God will prosper the work of the New Life Sanatorium at Obuse, Japan, guiding and strengthening Dr. Rokusha who is acting Superintendent while Dr. Start is on furlough in Canada.

—that more young people of our Church may hear God's call to service for Him, especially in missionary areas.

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## Can I Say the Lord's Prayer?

I cannot say "OUR", if I live in a water-tight spiritual compartment; if I think a special place in Heaven is reserved for my denomination.

I cannot say "FATHER", if I do not demonstrate the relationship in my daily life.

I cannot say "WHICH ART IN HEAVEN", if I am so occupied with the earth that I am laying up no treasure there.

I cannot say "HALLOWED BE THY NAME", if I, who am called by His name, am not holy.

I cannot say "THY KINGDOM COME", if I am not doing all in my power to hasten its coming.

I cannot say "THY WILL BE DONE", if I am questioning, resentful of, or disobedient to His will for me.

I cannot say "ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN", if I am not prepared to devote my life here to His service.

I cannot say "GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD", if I am an under-the-counter shopper.

I cannot say "FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES, AS WE FORGIVE THEM THAT TRESPASS AGAINST US", if I harbour a grudge against anyone.

I cannot say "LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION", if I deliberately place myself, or remain in a position where I am likely to be tempted.

I cannot say "DELIVER US FROM EVIL", if I am not prepared to fight it in the spiritual realm with the weapon of prayer.

I cannot say "THINE IS THE KINGDOM", if I do not accord the King the

disciplined obedience of a loyal subject. I cannot say "THINE IS THE POWER", if I fear what men may do, or what my neighbours may think.

I cannot say "THINE IS THE GLORY", if I am seeking glory for myself.

I cannot say "FOR EVER AND EVER", if I have my horizon bounded by the things of time.

I cannot say "AMEN", if I do not also add "Cost what it may": for to say this prayer honestly will cost everything.

(M. W. Gass, B.A., Inter-Varsity Magazine.)

(As quoted in St. Jude's, Southsea Parish Magazine for May, 1950.)

## Annual Laymen's Dinner

TUESDAY, MARCH 2nd

Macdonald Hotel

Speaker:  
THE BISHOP  
RIGHT REVEREND H. H. CLARK

Tickets: \$2.00



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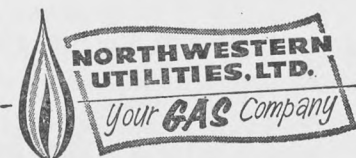
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The Cathedral congregation joined with all the people of the diocese in saying fare-well to Archbishop Barfoot on Dec. 29th in the Alberta College Auditorium. His associations with the Cathedral were very personal ones, and in consequence the "good-bye" was personal. His Grace officiated at the Midnight Eucharist on Christmas Eve and gave his message to the people.

The Christmas services were well attended and were characterized by excellent music. The late service on New Year's Day brought many people to God's house, also.

Most of the organizations held Christmas Parties—all departments of our two Sunday Schools, the A.Y.P.A., the Couples' Club, and on New Year's Eve, the Local Council of the A.Y.P.A. held a very smart and happy party in the hall, with the Dean and two of the clergy standing beside him in the candle-light, offered prayers at mid-night.

At the moment of writing, we are looking forward to the arrival of Bishop Clark, and the services connected with his consecration and enthronement.

### CHRIST CHURCH

Rev. Canon E. S. Ottley  
Rev. R. A. Burdon

At a confirmation service toward the middle of Dec., the Bishop of Calgary, kindly ministered in the absence of our Archbishop, now happily recovered from his recent illness. Confirming, and welcoming into the church the persons presented; His Lordship spoke briefly on the meaning of the service, and portrayed most effectively the new life and fellowship which participation in the sacramental life of the church opens up.

In retrospect, Christmas appears to have been a time appreciated by young and old. The annual Evening Carol Service was a most enjoyable occasion in which the congregational singing was outstanding. A most happy and joyous occasion was the Christmas morning Family Service, crowded to overflowing with boys and girls of all ages, parents, and adults. Since we did not expect our children and tiny tots to part with their latest doll and toys, everyone came along, dolls included to lend heart and soul and voices to what was one of the best services of this type every held.

The Sunday school children, as usual, prior to Christmas, presented their white gifts for the use of less privileged children of the province. The church interior was already decorated with evergreens and two large lighted trees, beneath which the gifts were placed. Their outstanding public effort of the year was a Tableau depicting the promise and birth of the Saviour, with some of the final scenes covering our Redeemer's early

life. This fine effort comprising some 12 or 13 separate tableaux was directed and produced by Mrs. Gutteridge, with the willing assistance of parents and other church workers.

It is regretted that a Children's Christmas party could not be held due to the state of the parish hall, and the risk of spreading polio. We hope to be able to make amends later this year.

By the time this appears in print, the Annual Congregational meeting will have taken place, which we shall be pleased to report upon in our next issue.

Enjoying a pleasant social occasion, the Couples' Club held its first meeting of the New Year on Jan. 8th. On the 22 of Jan. a further meeting was held, at which a talk on oil was given by Maynard Young. The group, which usually gathers about twenty couples for an affair, plan a lively meeting on Feb. 5 for which a suitable Valentine's program is arranged. Striking a more serious and civic note, the couples will hear Mr. Noel Dant discussing Town Planning on Feb. 19th. Additional information can be had from Mrs. Young, Phone 32105.

The young people of the A.Y.P.A. put on as their special pre Christmas effort, a turkey supper for the C.N.I.B. Though we were not present, as firm believers in Christmas dinners Dickens style, we hope that cooking and quality were in keeping with tradition. A more rigorous event was their Jan. tobogganing party held on the hillside slopes at 121st St.

An important coming event for the A.Y. is a Corporate Communion and breakfast on Feb. 14th at 8:00 a.m. The association invites all young people, members or otherwise, to join them on this occasion. Breakfast will be in the parish hall following the service. They are also looking forward to seeing "Paradise on Earth" a color film on Switzerland which it is hoped will be available for showing toward the end of March.

### ST SAVIOUR'S MISSION EMMANUEL, GIBBONS

Rev. R. A. Sayer

As a result of the Christmas rush we did not get our copy into the Churchman in time for publication in the Jan. issue and so we shall have to ask for the patience of our readers.

Early in Dec. the W.A. held its annual meeting at the home of Mrs. C. Dawson. The Rev. R. A. Sayer was present and presided over the election of Officers. We wish to take this opportunity to express to the new executive our best wishes for their work in this new year. We should also like to thank the W.A. for the part they played in defraying the cost of gas installation in the Church. With this go our thanks to the anonymous donor who contributed so generously to the gas project.

Due to the number of points in the Mission, Christmas came to Gibbons just

three hours too early. Our celebration of the Holy Communion began at 9:00 p.m. We are indeed grateful to the Rev. W. W. McCulloch of Ft. Saskatchewan who came over to take this service for us. The Church was decorated this year for the first time in several years and in addition to the regular decorations we had a Crib in the Chancel which was blessed at the conclusion of the service. The Altar also added to the beauty of our Church with its new white hangings.

On the Sunday after Epiphany the Rev. R. A. Sayer told the children of the Parish the Epiphany story. At the conclusion of the story the children gathered round the Crib to sing a Christmas Carol and to unite in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

We have held our annual canvass and plans are now under way for the Annual Meeting which we hope to hold sometime this month.


### HOLY TRINITY, BON ACCORD

Rev. R. A. Sayer

Better late than never—and so here we are with our Christmas news somewhat late. The Rev. R. A. Sayer celebrated the Holy Communion in this

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Parish at 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve. The Church looked particularly lovely this year with the Altar in traditional white hangings and our Christmas Crib placed near the pulpit waiting to be blessed at the end of the service. Since we have no lighting our Church was particularly beautiful with an abundance of candles on every window sill and on the organ. In order to overcome the difficulties of eye strain which we understand affected some people last year we also had a coleman lamp shedding its bright beams in the centre of the nave. At this service for the first time our two servers, Michael Buchanan and Joey Milligan were dressed in cassocks and cottas.

On Sunday, Jan. 3rd we gave our Clergyman a rest when the Young People of the Parish took leading parts in the Nine Lesson Carol Service. Our thanks to Sis and Lucy for jointly sharing the duties of the organ, and to John, Doreen, Dick and the organists for reading the Lessons.

The W.A. will hold their election of Officers at the home of Mrs. James Milligan on Jan. 13th at which time plans will be laid for the Annual Meeting of the Parish.

### ST. MARY'S, REDWATER

Rev. R. A. Sayer

Christmas at St. Mary's began with the traditional Midnight Mass at 11:45 p.m. Christmas Eve Fr. Sayer was the celebrant and was assisted for the first time by vested Servers. We were very proud and happy to see Jimmy Kelly and Merle Harley performing their duties at the Altar. At the conclusion of the Service the Rector blessed the Christmas Crib which had been set up in the Sanctuary several days before. Our sincere thanks to Mrs. Harley our hard working loyal and devoted Altar Guild for the reminder of the decorations and sparkling linens and white hangings used at this Season.

Instead of Evensong on the Feast of St. John we had a Nine Lesson Carol service. Our sincere thanks to Mr. Millman who must by now have had his fill of Carols for one year, and to Mr. Chuck Bell and Mr. Bud Kelly who assisted the Rector in the reading of the Lessons on such short notice.

On Jan. 3rd instead of Evensong our Sunday School came into its own at St. Mary's when they presented the Christmas Story as found in the Gospels. A great deal of time and energy went into

the production of the Tableau and we all owe a deep debt of gratitude to Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Hanna and Mrs. Bell the teachers who gave so freely of their time and talents, to the children and their parents for the costumes, and to the readers. While a group of the Seniors read the passages chorally the younger children acted out the traditional stories surrounded all the while by an Angelic host made up of the wiggly members of the Primary class. All went well until a certain re-headed angel proclaimed I cannot say, "OUR", if I live in a water-premature notice of the arrival of the Magi with gold, myrrh and a smoking censor.

The annual Sunday School treat was held on Dec. 16th and was a huge success. This year we were able to shorten the program as the entertainment provided by the children was transferred to the tableau presented early in Jan. Santa Claus however made his usual appearance and distributed treats to all the children, somehow including among them the blushing Rector of St. George's, Fort Saskatchewan.

Our annual meeting will be held Sunday evening, Jan. 24th in the Church.

### CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Rev. A. P. Venables

Christmas has come and gone, the New Year has started off well and annual meetings are the order of the day—at the time of writing—but will be a thing of the past by the time this letter is published.

We shall have to remember to fix dates for affairs, more than a month ahead, if we wish them written up for the Churchman.

Our Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service was very well attended, whilst the Church was not packed, it was almost filled. The decorations and tree were once again beautiful to behold, thanks to the work of the Evening Branch W.A.

The beautiful red carnations on the Altar and other flowers in the memorial windows, were given in memory of Mrs. S. E. Blatchford, a faithful W.A. member for many years, by her husband and family in Vancouver.

Our Carol Service on Sunday Dec. 27th could have been lots better attended, the weather was lovely and mild, so we could not have that for an excuse.

Our Rector is leaving us on March 7 for a year's work in England.

As this will be a dream come true for Mr. Venables to get "over there" we wish him God Speed, and hope it all comes up to his expectations.

Both W.A.'s have held Election of Officers and are off to a good start for 1954.

The first event is a Valentine Tea sponsored by the Afternoon Group on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 10th, to be followed by a sale of Home Baking and Refreshments at the City Market Booth on Sat., Feb. 20th. Donations and support are asked for these two affairs.

The Annual Meeting is to be held on Jan. 26th in the Parish Hall beginning with a "Pot Luck Supper" at 6:15 p.m. followed by the business at 8 p.m. Will report on this affair next month.

The Mystery Pal Party of the afternoon W.A. was held on Wed. evening, Jan. 13th. Games and "Cootie" were played, and gifts exchanged, but the high-light of the evening was the appearance of "Miss Mystery" who caused screeches of laughter, and was later unmasked to reveal the Rev. Arthur Venables.

This added much to the merriment of the party, and after a delicious and plentiful lunch all declared it a very enjoyable evening.

### ST. LUKE'S

Canon A. Wallis

Several members of St. Luke's Church attended Alberta College, Dec. 29th, 1953, on the occasion of Archbishop Barfoot's Farewell. We, along with the rest of the Diocese, wish for him the best of health, and God's richest blessing on his work in Rupert's Land.

Meetings—The annual Parochial gathering was held in the Parish Hall on Mon., Jan. 11th at 8 p.m. Usually, on "Annual" night the weather has been down to 30 below, but this year, it was 20 above. The men, however, were taking no chances, and promised coffee and doughnuts to all comers at 7:30. We had a much larger attendance than in previous years, (but still room for many more). The Reports and Financial Statement of the Church and Organizations were presented and well received. The following are the officers for 1954:—G. F. Whittingback—Rector's Warden (appointed); T. Buckham was re-elected Peoples' Warden and Treas.; Members of the Vestry:—Messrs. W. F. Campbell; R. E. McClung; S. Long; L. Adams; H. Guthrie; F. Hunter; J. Shirlaw; J. Wilcock. Mesdames W. H. Barker; W. H. Coghill; F. Holt; J. Neal.

Delegates to Synod:—G. F. Whittingback; T. Buckham; R. E. McClung. Subs. L. Adams and W. F. Campbell. Building Comm.:—R. E. McClung; S. Long; L. Adams; F. Kaulback; F. Hunter; J. Wilcock.

The Annual Meeting of the two groups of the W.A. were held in Jan. Much good work accomplished as was shown in the reports and statements presented by the



officers. The Study Book read, and much Missionary money sent out, and building funds raised. The nominating committees brought in their reports and the elections took place. The afternoon group of officers is as follows:—Pres., Mrs. W. H. Barker; Vice-Pres., Mrs. W. F. Campbell; Sec., Mrs. G. F. Whittingback; Treas., Mrs. Lobb; E.C.D., U.T.O. Sec., Mrs. A. Walters; Flower Fund, Mrs. F. Coles; Hospital Visitor, Mrs. L. Scott; Educ. Sec., Mrs. A. Wallis; Prayer Partner, Mrs. W. H. Coghill. Officers for the Evening group are as follows:—Pres., Mrs. R. L. Johnston; Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. Neal; Sec., Mrs. J. Manson; Treas., Mrs. R. E. McClung; E.C.D., U.T.O., Mrs. J. Neal; Dorcas, Mrs. J. Postoluk; G. A., Miss Olive Jones; J.A., Mrs. D. Murray, and Mrs. R. L. Johnston; Flower Fund; Living Message, Mrs. E. Kennedy; Educ. Sec., Miss F. Beeby; Prayer Partner, Mrs. W. Hogg; Press Reporter, Mrs. A. Brickman.

At a recent meeting of the Choir, the following were elected as officers:—Pres., Miss "Dee" Coghill; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. W. H. Coghill; Librarian, Mrs. F. Hunter; Wardrobe Mistress, Miss S. Harris. We do need more voices for the choir and would appreciate having new members join our ranks. Practices are on Thursday at 8 p.m.

At the Choral Communion Service on Sunday, Jan. 17th the Rector presented three life memberships to W.A. members, and Honour rings to three members of the G.A. The W.A. recipients were Mrs. R. E. McClung and Mrs. R. L. Johnston, Diocesan Life Membership, gifts of the Evening Group; and a Dominion Life Membership to Mrs. A. Wallis, the gift of a dear friend. The girls receiving the Honour rings were Edith Neal, Ruth Thomas and Carol Harrington. These girls are all assisting in the Primary Sunday School. Congratulations to all. (The rings are a gift of the Evening Group).

**Baptisms**—Trudy Ann Fletcher.

**Marriage**—Gordon George McKay and Evelyn Crozier.

#### ST. JAMES'

Rev. A. P. Venables

A group of members undertook a canvass for membership recently, and according to reports are making progress.

**Sunday School**—We were very sorry to lose Mrs. Bell from our staff, but wish them all the best as they make their home in Regina.

Everyone is agreed that the Sunday School and Parish Christmas Party surpassed all efforts, in this department, so far. Mrs. Brown showed us some excellent slides on all subjects from the 3 bears to the Coronation! Mrs. Brown had worked for weeks with a group who sang so well finally, that we would recommend them to the Junior Chorus of the Metropolitan Opera any time!

Candy bags, balloons, ice cream, coffee and biscuits brought the evening to a close, and we enjoyed it all.

The White Gift Service was well attended and we were able to take a huge box of gifts to Cansell Hospital.

Our thanks to our organist, Mrs. Morris, who, with the choir led the music for our Festival Services so well. Special notes should be made of the Carol Service of the nine lessons. Messrs. H. Boutillier, R. McGuire, D. Clarke, T. Rayment and J. Brown read lessons.

Polio struck the Denis home, but we are most thankful that Miriam is now much better.

**W.A.**—At the Annual Meeting a most interesting resume of the past years work was given in several reports. President, Mrs. New spoke of the splendid co-operation she had received, and of the good spirit which exists in the branch. It is proposed to hold one "afternoon" and one "evening" meeting each month, starting Jan. 26th.

Treasurer, Mrs. Fuller, reports 13 paid up members, and social activities for 1953 included the bean supper, Coronation Tea, June Tea, winding up with the Parish Dinner in November. We are very grateful for various monetary gifts received.

Mrs. T. C. Robinson, Little Helpers Secretary reported good progress, with an enrollment of some 55 children, most of whose homes she has visited.

Mrs. Morris, J.A. leader reports 7 members, and she hopes for 12 by spring. In conjunction with her Kindergarten she plans a concert fairly soon. The officers for 1954 include:—President, Mrs. E. New; Vice-President, Mrs. J. H. Mitchell; Secretary, Mrs. G. J. G. Macdonald; Treasurer, Mrs. D. Fuller; Little Helpers Sec., Mrs. T. C. Robinson; Prayer Partner Sec., Mrs. T. C. Robinson; E.C.D. & U.T.O. Sec., Mrs. H. Jones; Educ. Sec., Mrs. G. Gudmundson; Flower Sec., Mrs. A. R. A. Oakley; Dorcas Sec., Mrs. Kelly; Sewing Convener, Mrs. A. D. Corby; Social Service Convener, Mrs. A. D. Mann. We shall remember these officers in our Prayers as they begin the New Year work.

We are very grateful to Mrs. D. Sims who so kindly conducted our St. Andrew's Service, due to Mr. Venable's sickness. Also to Flight Lt. C. L. Harding for conducting Evensong on Jan. 3rd.

Our sincere thanks go to George Stewart, A. Webster and J. Brown for their many hours of work in the com-

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pletion of our choir and Sunday School room. Two new tables constructed. The floor is nearly completed, and cupboards. Soon a paint job will be done. Thanks men!

With the help of Mr. Morris we are now able to publish a monthly leaflet, to be mailed to our Parishioners.

The W.A. will sponsor another bean supper in Feb.

Under Mr. Duke the members of the Servers Guild continue to do good work, and sold a large number of Christmas cards this year.

### ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Rev. Wm. Sewell

By the time this article appears in print, it will be a period of almost two months since we celebrated the great festival of Christmas. But our hearts and memories are still thrilled by the remembrance of the poignant portrayal of the Christmas Story as presented by the members of the Sunday School on Dec. 20th.

A Christmas Eve Choral Communion was celebrated on Dec. 24th, and Christmas Day services at 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m., giving all who shared in these services a deeper insight and appreciation of the significance of Christmas.

Jan. is the traditional month for Annual Meetings and every organization at St. John's is making full use of the occasion.

The Chancel Guild held their Annual Meeting on Jan. 11th, their officers for 1954 being:—Pres., Mrs. R. Johnston; Vice-Pres., Mrs. R. Johnson; Sec., Mrs. C. MacPherson; Treas., Mrs. J. Oxner.

The Evening Branch of the W.A. held their Annual Meeting on Jan. 12th (three meetings in one), their officers for 1954 being:—Pres., Mrs. J. A. Smith; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. G. Pilbrow; Sec., Mrs. R. E. Taylor; Treas., Mrs. W. McGarvey; Dorcas Sec., Mrs. A. Wrenshall; Missions Sec., Mrs. L. Hester; Social Convenor, Mrs. H. Shutt.

The Afternoon Branch of the W.A. held their Monthly Meeting at the home of the President, Mrs. W. Driscoll, on Jan. 19th. Following the meeting tea was served.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish is planned for Jan. 26th. As this is the most important Church Meeting of the year, a large attendance is expected. As an incentive to further augment the attendance, a luncheon will be served following the meeting by the Evening Branch of the W.A.

### ST. FAITH'S

Rev. L. M. Watts

Something new in the way of "atmosphere" was provided for our Midnight Service on Christmas Eve. Our Rector had just said "the Epistle is written," when the church was plunged into darkness. The wind buffeted the church with heavy gusts and snow streamed past the windows. Finally a flashlight bobbed

up the aisle and the service continued. Then lighted candles made their appearance, and we all made our way to a softly lit Sanctuary to receive the Communion. Of course with the power off, our organ had ceased to function, but our organist made her way through the shadows to a small foot pumped organ and carried on. The lights came on for the singing of the last hymn, but we were all sorry, as we had all enjoyed our impromptu "candle light" service and hope that the powers that be will have another one next year. Some how, there was a feeling of being closer to that first Christmas.

Our church donned Christmas dress for the Carol service Dec. 20th. A towering tree with its head in the rafters, sparkling red and silver wreath on boughs of green cedar in all the windows, the screen across the choir stalls decked in pine and holly with the bells swinging in the heat waves from the register; and the focal point of all—the Altar gleaming with the gold of the Cross flanked by vases of huge white mums sparked with scarlet poinsettia. There is a special feel to the church at Christmas, it meets you at the door with the clean woodsy smell of the tree. A word of thanks to members of the Sanctuary Guild and their friends for decorating the church so beautifully and to the Choir and Organist for all their hard work in preparing and presenting the carols and anthems for the Christmas Season. The Choir went caroling on Dec. 23rd, making visits at Elizabeth House and to the Venta Nursing Home.

Christmas parties of course were the fashion before the great day and we have information about the choir party on Dec. 17th at Mr. and Mrs. W. Allison's home where everyone enjoyed the evening. Also the Sunday School parties (plural) one on Dec. 16th for Beginners and Grade 1 and 2, and another one on the evening of Dec. 18th for Grade 3 and up. Santa Claus of course made his appearance at both.

The coming of the New Year always brings a rash of Annual meetings along with all the good resolutions. This year the reports from all organizations are ones reviewing great activity. The Sanctuary Guild met for their Annual on Jan. 14, Mrs. L. M. Watts and Mrs. A. H. Sanders were returned by acclamation to the offices of President and Secretary-Treasurer respectively.

The Evening Group W.A. concluded a busy year with a successful home cooking sale at the market, Dec. 5th. Several services for admission of new members have been held throughout the year, the one in June made Mrs. J. Sperry, of Coppermine a members of this group. A most enjoyable "President's Party" was held at the home of Mrs. E. Darch, on Jan. 13th. Presentations of appreciation were made to Mrs. Bell, our Cam-sell visitor, who has moved away from the parish, also to Mrs. Watts and Mrs. Bridgewater for their hard work in convening the annual bazaar. Officers for 1954, elected at the annual meeting are

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The Afternoon W.A. reviewed their year of hard work on Jan. 13th, and elected the following officers:— Pres., Mrs. E. Curry; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. W. McNeill; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. A. H. Pryor; Sec. Mrs. E. Lewis; Treas., Mrs. G. Jackson; Dorcas, Mrs. A. H. Sanders; Living Message, Mrs. W. D. McDonald; Education, Mrs. A. Farmilo; U.T.O. & E.C.D., Mrs. F. Palmer; Fancy work, Mrs. D. R. W. Mason; Aprons, Mrs. Aspeslet and Mrs. H. Jones; Prayer Partner, Mrs. M. O. Mutter; Tea, Mrs. A. Bowen; Press Reporter, Mrs. S. Lee; Parish visitors, Mrs. T. Cole and Mrs. S. Lee. Installation of all W.A. Officers will take place at Evensong, Jan. 24th.

**Baptisms**—Marie Evelyn Vater; Maureen Gail Bishop; Gary Allan Cherrington; Lawrence Ronald Cherrington; Leslie James Perrott; Richard Frederick Simmons; Daniel Robert Neil and Rodrick Paul Petryshen.

**Marriages**—Robert Reid Lewis and Shirley Ellen Collins.

**Burials**—Sophie Whitford.

### ST. MARY'S

Rev. W. T. Elkin

At the time of preparing these notes, annual meetings are the order of the day, and St. Mary's church groups are in the midst of these. At the annual meeting of the afternoon group of the W.A., Mrs. W. G. Bide was elected president of the group. Honorary presidents: Mrs. W. T. Elkin, Mrs. M. Derbyshire, Mrs. M. Brown. Executive: Mrs. H. B. Burden, 1st vice president; Mrs. W. Croft, 2nd vice president; Mrs. R. Evans, sec.; Mrs. T. C. Gittins, treasurer; Mrs. G. Newnham, Dorcas sec.; Mrs. T. Henderson, Living Message; Mrs. E. Bradshaw, U.T.O. and E.C.D.; Mrs. F. Briggs, Prayer Partner; Mrs. W. G. Bide, educational sec.; Mrs. E. Mercer, Mrs. K. McDowell, needlework; Mrs. Croft, social services; Mrs. M. Brown, flower fund; Mrs. W. S. Kent, Mrs. Evans, hospital visitors; Mrs. H. Burden, Mrs. T. Henderson, Charles Camsell Hospital visitors. Mrs. E. H. Pallister, tea convener, parish visitor; Miss E. Briggs, Miss H. Henderson, girls auxiliary.

The new officers of the evening group are:—Mrs. K. A. King, President; Mrs. E. Marsh, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. L. Suss, Recording Sec.; Mrs. K. Lofts, Corresponding Sec.; Mrs. A. Radke, Treas.; Prayer Partner and Living Message Sec., Mrs. A. McEachern; Educational Sec., Mrs. A. Moir; Mrs. L. A. Duhamel, Dorcas Sec.; Mrs. S. Anderson, Mrs. V.

Duke, Mrs. H. Thirlwell, Little Helpers Group; Mrs. Wm. Pullishy, U.T.O. and E.C.D. Sec. Mrs. E. Burns, Social Convener and Board Delegate. Junior girls work; Mrs. W. T. Elkin, Mrs. J. Brown, Mrs. T. M. White.

Most of the thoughts and energies of the parishioners currently are on the approaching dedication and opening ceremonies of our new church and by the time this is printed, the events will be history. To those who have been connected with St. Mary's for the past twenty or thirty years, it seems hard to realize that we have reached the time of moving out of the old building into a sparkling new church, and no doubt, on the great day, a few silent tears may be shed on the passing of an era, and remembering how well and nobly the old building has served the parish over forty years, but there will be unbound joy and hope at moving into the new church a fulfillment of dreams, hopes, work and ingenuity and final realization—a tribute to the ability and co-operative spirit of the present parish of St. Mary's. A big day is planned for Jan. 24th, and our notes next month will cover this.

**Baptisms**—Sharon Ruth Rafuse, Phillip Martin Christophers, Heather Aileen Passmore.

We record the passing of two of our respected parishioners in the persons of Mrs. Esther Adams, wife of David Adams, Mr. James Gee. While Mrs. Adams, due to her health, was not able to take an active part in the church work of St. Mary's, she was in earlier years a devoted worker in the parish of St. Michael's and All Angels. Mr. Gee was our oldest living member and saw the erection of our original church and took a keen interest all thru' the years in the progress of St. Mary's.

### ST. SAVIOUR'S MISSION

EMMANUEL, GIBBONS

Rev. R. A. Sayer

The W.A. held its annual meeting on Dec. 2nd at the home of Mrs. C. Dawson with twelve members present. Rev. Sayer was our guest of the evening and he led us in prayers. He gave us a short talk and took the chair during the election of officers who are: Mrs. W. S. Oliver as President, Mrs. C. Brumfit, Honorary President, Mrs. E. Yeo, Vice-President, Mrs. J. Fraser, treasurer, Mrs. D. Gibbons, Secretary, Miss C. Roberts, Little Helpers Secretary; Mrs. D. Rosewell, W.T.O. Secretary, Mrs. R. Wearmouth, E.C.D. Secretary, Mrs. C. Dawson, Dorcas Secretary. We do hope that everyone will give them their fullest support.

Thanks to an anonymous donor and the W.A., natural gas has been installed in the church, which certainly adds to the comfort of the members who attend the church.

The church was very fittingly decorated for the Christmas Season and the scene of the Nativity was so interesting to the junior members of the congregation.

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**ST. PAUL'S**

Rev. G. D. Kelly

One of the finest services—and one of the best attended—was held on the evening of December 20th when junior members of the Parish presented "The Christmas Story" in tableaux and carol. Scenes from the Gospel narrative were presented in the chancel with the choir and narrator at the west end of the church. The church was in total darkness throughout the service with each successive scene illuminated by controlled floodlights showing the biblical characters in their appropriate eastern costume. The congregation of well over three hundred people was unanimous in its appreciation of the hard work and inspiring results of those responsible.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services were well attended, setting an all time record for the Parish. We were particularly happy to have so many of our families present on Christmas morning, happy too that the younger children felt free to bring their new dolls and tractors along with them. No one seemed to mind the occasional whirl of wheels or the mechanical cry of the treasured doll.

Those organizations that have held their annual meetings all report a good year of progress in 1953. Elections held by the W.A. groups resulted as follows:

Afternoon Group: Pres., Mrs. W. Edwards; Vice-pres., Mrs. H. Coppinger; Secty., Mrs. C. Hawkins; Treas., Mrs. H. Ambrose; Dorcas, Mrs. R. Carey; Ed. Secty., Mrs. H. Coppinger; Tea Convenor, Mrs. W. Coleman; Prayer Partner, Mrs. E. Langford; U.T.O. and E.C.D., Mrs. R. Wilkes.

Evening Group: Hon. Pres., Mrs. G. Kelly; Pres., Mrs. I. Johnson; Vice-pres., Mrs. L. Stewart; Treas., Mrs. O. Brown; Secty., Mrs. A. McNair; Ed. Secty., Mrs. C. Perraton; Little Helpers, Mrs. J. Cregson; Prayer Partner, Mrs. T. Jeans; Dorcas Secty., Mrs. C. Skinner.

After six and a half years as Rector of the Parish the Rev. G. D. Kelly announced his resignation to the congregation on January 3rd. He will leave about the first of March to return to the Diocese of Rupert's Land where he will be Rector of the Parish of Holy Trinity, Winnipeg.

**ST. BARNABAS MISSION**

Rev. G. D. Kelly

Work continues to progress satisfactorily at the Mission. It now can boast of a kitchen complete with cupboards, stove and sink and an adequate set of dishes for catering purposes. Washrooms have been completed in the basement and the building is not only serving the ever-increasing Sunday School but growing in popularity as a meeting place for youth groups and community adult organizations.

**ST. MICHAEL and ALL ANGELS**

Ven. S. F. Tackaberry

Mrs. W. Bennett retired from the office of altar care convenor of the

Anglican Church of St. Michael and All Angels, North Edmonton, after serving in that position for 27 years.

Ven. S. F. Tackaberry presided at the group's annual meeting at the home of Mrs. A. Bruce recently.

Mrs. J. Young was elected president, succeeding Mrs. D. Clarke. Mrs. A. Phillips is honorary president and Mrs. R. Dando is honorary vice president.

On the executive are Mrs. J. Shedden, vice president; Mrs. H. Currey, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. E. Olander, Dorcas secretary; Mrs. B. Weaver, Little Helpers secretary; Mrs. A. Bruce, education secretary and Mrs. Currey, Living Message secretary.

Junior Auxiliary members, Miss Gloria Hauca and Miss Audrey Ozurnuk are new altar care convenors.

## Rural Deanery of Pembina

**ST. LUKE'S, MAYERTHORPE**

Rev. L. S. Thurston

News dating back to November: Little Helpers' party on Nov. 25th, Rev. L. S. Thurston showed the Christmas story by flannelgraph. Mrs. Les. Hughes, leader, is busy enrolling new members.

St. Andrew's Day Service was held at 3 p.m. on Nov. 30th.

The project for the January W.A. meeting is donations of tea-towels, face clothes or towels for the Deanery Annual in June.

The church was tastefully decorated with midget Christmas trees for the Carol Service on Dec. 20th. The next day, the G.A. girls took the wee trees to the hospital, sang carols and presented them to each room.

The Christmas Eve service was well attended, as was also the Congregation Christmas party on Dec. 28th. Three films were shown by the Vicar, with thanks to the school for loan of the projector.

Regret to say that the icy condition of the roads prevented anyone from attending the Archbishop's farewell, save the Vicar, who travelled by train.

In the vicarage a telephone and hassock are installed. Now the Mrs. can stir Pa's soup, talk to the W.A. women, and wheel the wee son with her foot in the other room.

Incidentally, in the church, my dear parishioners, you also come to church now to get warm. There are two Quebec heaters joined by 20 or more lengths of pipe extending from pulpit to font, besides an oil furnace under the floor. Special thanks to Mr. Wells for fire-lighting efforts.

Court whist is played in the hall every two weeks.

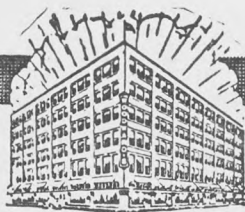
**Burial** — At Mayerthorpe, Archie Landers, age 82, of Greencourt.

**Matrimony** — At Rochfort Community Church, Vernon Smith - Josephine Arnold.

**Baptism**—At Sangudo, the infant son of Claude and Vivian Gould.

A new Sunday School class has begun at Greencourt every Sunday morning; also in Mayerthorpe at 11 a.m. unless otherwise arranged.

Senior Choir—Thursday at 8 p.m. in the church.

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**ST. PHILIP'S, WESTLOCK**

Rev. K. A. Minchin

The Christmas Season is now over with its rush and its bustle, but its spirit remains and will be part of all our lives through this new year which is before us.

All the Christmas services were very well attended and the Candle Light Carol Christmas Eve service, which Mr. C. C. Curlett so kindly recorded for us, has been played time and time again during the past few weeks. It has meant that even those people who, through illness or for any other reason, were unable to attend, have still been able to join with us in this very wonderful service.

The Sunday School Christmas Party was a huge and uproarious success. Everyone will remember, we are sure, "Little Guy Pym's" coming forward to be greeted by Santa Claus.

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new Bishop and to assure him of our loyalty and prayers in his leadership in God's Work in this Diocese.

**Marriage** — Lester Percival Fry and Florence Doreen Sarnecki.

**Burials** — Shelly Meryln Medcke; Thomas Thornton; Ida Kazerski.

**ST. STEPHEN'S, ALCOMDALE**

Rev. K. A. Minchin

W.A.—Forward we go for another year of very pleasant work. We held our annual meeting on the last Wednesday of December and elected the following officers: Pres., Mrs. Meakin; Vice-pres., Mrs. McConily; Sec., Mrs. Whitson; Treas., Mrs. Thompson.

We met at Mrs. Meakin's with our vicar, Mr. Minchin, the organist, Mr. Horricks, and our husbands being present. We had our business meeting and a very lovely lunch and then gave out presents to each member. Mr. Horricks received one from W.A. members in appreciation of his coming to play the organ for service which we all enjoy. We hope to do even better work this year than last.

**ST. MARY'S, BARRHEAD**

Rev. D. V. A. Browne

On Wednesday, Dec. 16th at 8 p.m., St. Mary's Sunday School gathered at the Parish Hall for their annual Christmas concert and tree. The carol singing was very much enjoyed by the parents and friends of the children and the tableau of the Christmas story was beautifully presented. We were all pleased to have Mrs. A. Bacon, a music teacher, to train the children, assisted by the Sunday School teachers. The little hall lent a delightful atmosphere to the tableau and the Christmas tree. As usual the highlight was Santa Claus, who gave each child a gift and a bag of candies.

On Sunday, Dec. 20th at 7.30 p.m., St. Mary's had their Carol Service. The church was beautifully decorated, thanks to the ladies who worked so hard in this respect, and as usual many chairs had

to be brought in as the little church was filled to capacity.

A new venture for St. Mary's congregation was midnight service on Christmas Eve. Hitherto, we had to have a Christmas morning service at 11 a.m. as our vicar had so many services to take at other points, especially when the Westlock Parish was attached to Barrhead. This proved to be a "wish fulfilled", judging from the number who attended.

**Baptisms**—On Nov. 29th, 1953, in St. John's, Fawn Lake: Randell Laverne Krisher, Bernard Lynn Krisher, Melvin Francis Krisher, Merle Eldon Krisher.

**Marriages**—On Nov. 17th, 1953, in St. Aidan's, Glenreagh: Jack Bathurst Richard Harris of Mosside to Gladys May Saddler of Barrhead.

On Dec. 24th, 1953, in St. Mary's, Barrhead, Harold Joseph Seal of Edmonton to Mary Rose Schultz of Barrhead.

**Burial**—On Jan. 11th, 1954, in the Glenreagh cemetery, Ada Emma Kipp.

**ST. MARY'S and ST. GEORGE'S, JASPER**

Rev. Donald F. Moore

News of this mountain parish has been absent from The Churchman for a long time, and with this issue we report on the highlights of the year 1953.

Fresh in our minds is the memory of the Christmas Festival—the happy Carol Service and the children and the mid-night Eucharist. Tribute to those who assisted in the Choir, and to Mrs. Hackley, the organist.

Extensive work has been done in the Vicarage—the kitchen modernized and redecorated, and the exterior of the house painted by Dr. Gordon Straughan and an able work party.

A Memorial Chimes Fund has been created, and the Church will receive memorial gifts for those departed.

The Parish Hall fund grows substantially, and improvements in the equipment for the Sunday School are being made.

The Junior W.A., under the leadership of Mrs. Constance Peterson, have had their service of admission and award and continue to grow in faith and service.

Under the guidance of Mrs. S. Andrew, the Little Helpers Department successfully ministered to the newly arrived youngsters and made contact with parents of new born babies. A service and party for the wee ones finished the year.

The Sunday School continues to grow in numbers, but the need for teachers is really quite serious. The Vestry hopes to be able to provide necessary equipment very soon. Mrs. Gladys Cleveland is supervising the Junior Sunday School.

Both the Evening Branch W.A. and the Guild have done mighty work for the Parish and our brethren elsewhere. They are to be heartily congratulated for loyalty and service.

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The Junior Choir sang carols for the aged and ill at Christmas time and entertained the monthly meeting of the Home and School Association.

Mr. Tony Pierce's new Scout group is developing into a great asset to the community and Mrs. May Douglas has one of the finest Cub packs to be found anywhere.

The whole Parish rejoiced with Mr. and Mrs. J. Heckley in the calling of Ramsey Hackley into training for Holy Orders. The first from Jasper to offer himself for the Sacred Ministry, Ramsey is studying at the Anglican Theological College, Vancouver. He will surely be remembered constantly in prayer.

#### ST. FAITH'S MISSION, EDSON

Rev. H. W. Buchner, Rev. J. G. Gardiner  
Rev. G. A. Robinson

Christmas services, parties and concerts are now a thing of the past, but we look back with pleasure and some satisfaction on the festal season.

This year, we were able to have a Midnight Eucharist at St. David's, Foothills, on Christmas Eve for the first time, and once again to have a Midnight Eucharist at Entrance. Attendances at both points were excellent.

The vicar continues to show his beautiful kodachrome slides taken during his stay in England, and still has several places to show them.

In the Edson news, you will notice that we had the Primate with us on Christmas Day for dinner, and that he stayed over until St. Stephen's Day. Originally His Grace had planned to come to the Mission for three or four days in early December and to visit Tomahawk, Foothills and Entrance. But as you all know, he spent those couple of weeks in the University Hospital. He wished to express his regret that the expedition planned was not possible.

The polio epidemic has come very close to us in St. Faith's during the past couple of months. At the end of October, Howard Frederickson of Edson, whose small daughter had just been baptised two weeks before, died of polio. In early December, Donald Fraser of Coal Valley succumbed to the same disease; and on January 13th, with burial in Glenwood Cemetery, Edson. The sympathy and prayers of the Mission go out to their families.

"Bill" Parnall had lived and worked in the Coal Branch all his life except for a term of service in the R.C.A.F. during the past war. He leaves to mourn him his wife and four kiddies. This is the second time within a year that the Parnall family has suffered bereavement. Requiem was celebrated at St. Catherine's Church, Edson, on Wednesday, January 13th, with burial in Glenwood Cemetery, Edson. "Rest eternal grant unto him O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him."

**Baptisms**—At Brightwood: the son and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. E. Galpin, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Seedhouse.

**Burial**—At St. Catherine's, Edson: William Parnall.

#### ST. CATHERINE'S, EDSON

There were many factors which made the Christmas and Epiphany seasons a happy time for those of St. Catherine's—the well filled and decorated church, the fine sermons and carol singing, the Archbishop's visit and the holiday return of many of our young people.

The Primate spent two days at the Clergy House, and on St. Stephen's Day confirmed Mrs. Loraine Boggs and received Mr. Alvin Boggs into the Church. Those of us who were fortunate enough to meet His Grace were delighted to find him so far on the road to recovery after his recent illness and to enjoy his stimulating conversation once more. We shall miss his regular visitations very much.

The list of holiday visitors includes Alberta and Lucy Harrison, Lorna Wilson, Kay and Barbara Barker, Jim Gregson, Bill Gregson with his wife Ruth, and Bill and Geoff Buck.

On Boxing Day the clergy were "at home" to the parishioners and did not have much time to rest before commencing their strenuous round of Christmas services throughout the mission.

Everyone enjoyed the Christmas Sunday School party on Dec. 28th. Mr. Buchner, with the help of Mrs. Gregg, Terry Roame and Mrs. Davidson, staged a series of Nativity tableaux accompanied by appropriate Scripture readings and carols. The children of Glenwood Sunday School contributed very ably to the program with songs and recitations. Lunch was served to all after the distribution of presents and candy to the children.

The Senior W.A. held their annual meeting in the rectory on Jan. 7th and reported a busy and successful year. Mrs. Wilson was re-elected president; Mrs. Davidson, secretary; Mrs. Dakin, treasurer; Mrs. S. Harrison, Dorcas secretary, and Mrs. Ball continues her good work as Junior Girls' Leader. Unfortunately, the fire alarm which disturbed the meeting proved to have been sounded for a fire in the new addition to Mrs. Ball's home. We extend our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Ball and hope that the damage can be repaired without too much delay and expense.

The annual report of the Evening Group has not been given yet, but they have had an extremely active and rewarding year under the very capable leadership of Mrs. Terry Roame. They finished the year, true to form, by catering for a wedding in December. The members of the vestry are very gratified for their generous donations which have helped so largely to renovate the Parish

Hall. There still remains some painting to be done, but a special effort was made before Christmas to protect the plywood wainscoting and the vicar and his warden assisted by Mr. Roame, Mr. Harry Ranger and Mr. Parnall, made a beautiful job of blinding and finishing. A propane floor furnace was installed in the hall and the overhead blower unit retained for auxiliary use. The efficiency and appearance of the stage have been improved by a new set of flats.

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Although it seems such a long time ago, we look back with gratitude to a happy Christmastide enjoyed in this Parish. The Sunday School Christmas party was most successful with the Parish Hall packed with children and adults to enjoy it. Special feature this year was an exhibition of magic by Mr. E. S. Cooper of Edmonton. He and Santa Claus were the highlights of the evening.

Then followed the Christmas services which were very well attended, good weather favoring us. Following the midnight Eucharist of Christmas Eve, there was a family service at 10.00 a.m. on Christmas Day to which there was an excellent response.

Christmas services were held at all points including King Edward, Pleasant Valley, Islay and Basswood. Islay is now under the regular ministry of Vermilion and services are held there once a month. A new development of interest during the month of December was a service at the Buffalo Coulee School, approximately 20 miles south and west of Vermilion. On December 27th the Rector and his warden journeyed there to take a service. There were 35 people out and we trust that this may be the beginning of regular services at this point. Basswood continues to hold services with the last being held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gibson. Pleasant Valley Church is now closed for the winter, but services are being continued in the homes.

As this is being written, we are in the throes of Annual Meetings together with the observance of the Week of Prayer. This latter is sponsored by the Vermilion Ministerial Association and consists of a service on each of four nights in each of the cooperating churches. Despite the cold weather, attendances have been excellent.

The two W.A.'s of St. Saviour's held their annual meetings on Thursday, January 14th and elected full slates of officers.

St. Saviour's afternoon branch: President, Mrs. E. H. Buckingham; first vice-President, Mrs. W. Rogan; second vice-President, Mrs. J. V. Kneale; secretary, Mrs. W. Urquhart; treasurer, Mrs. G. Williams; Dorcas secretary, Mrs. H. Scott; U.T.O. secretary, Mrs. A. E. Winter; Educational secretary, Miss G. Bury; Sewing Convenor, Mrs. S. R. Cooper; Flower Convenor, Mrs. J. Hobden; Prayer Partner, Mrs. M. Adamson; Little Helpers' secretary, Mrs. J. Knight.

St. Saviour's Evening Branch (Happy Hour Group): President, Mrs. O. R. I. Stephen; vice-President, Mrs. W. Parker; secretary, Mrs. V. Tillett; treasurer, Mrs. M. Taylor; Dorcas secretary, Mrs. W. Fooks.

Among other activities carried on by the groups of the Church mention should be made of the pilgrimage to Kitscoty by the Choir on December 20th. At this time they presented a full carol service in the Community Hall. Men's Club meets regularly on the first Monday of each month with the last meeting being addressed by Mayor S. C. Heckbert. A.Y.P.A. meets every week for games, study and a generally happy time.

We eagerly await the arrival of the new Bishop of the Diocese and continually remember him in prayer as he takes up his new work.

The next strenuous effort will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish to take place at the end of this month. A full report will be contained in the next issue.

Baptism—Jocelynn Anne Isley.

Marriages—Johannes Marius Smit and Quirine Florentine Lenshoek.

Funeral—Lillian Firth.

## ST. GEORGE'S, MARWAYNE

Rev. D. J. Woeller

In November the annual Parishioners' meeting was held at the church. Supper was served by the ladies beforehand. The film "The Power Within" was shown after the supper and then the meeting got underway. The new officers were:

Rector's Warden, Mr. G. R. Kent; People's Warden, Mr. E. Salzberry; Secretary, Mr. W. G. Curtis; for the vestry, Mrs. E. Christopher, Mrs. Saltzberry, Mr. H. S. Hutchinson, Mr. J. L. Hutchinson, Mr. T. S. Norcross, Mr. G. R. Kent and Mr. R. Whitefield; reporter for The Churchman, Mrs. Roy Hutchinson.

The annual W.A. meeting was held on December 11th. The officers elected were: President, Mrs. G. Ashworth; Secretary, Mrs. Jean Romanick; Vice-president, Mrs. E. Norcross; Dorcas Sec-

On Jan. 13th the regular meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Jean Romanick. There were seven members present. Calendars were handed out. It was decided to serve lunch and coffee after church. Could this be for the ones who go without breakfast? Both church and Sunday School start at 10.30.

Our Christmas party was a huge success. After the service, the congregation retired to the basement, where the children were treated with a visit from Santa, who gave out stockings filled with treats and then had to hurry away. Then a lovely lunch was served by the ladies. A white gift was brought by each child to send to the Charles Campsall Hospital.

The Bazaar and Tea is over. It was held on Nov. 28th with a large attendance. A cushion was raffled, too. Our thanks go to everyone who made it so successful.

Baptisms—Joanne Marie Romanick.

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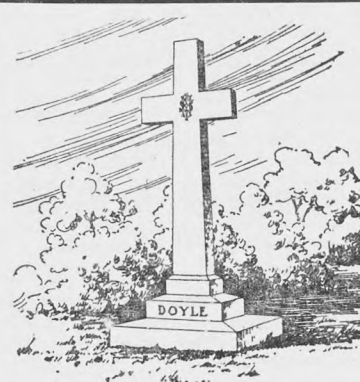
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**GOLDEN VALLEY, HOLY TRINITY**

Rev. D. J. Woeller

Following the Evensong service on November 29th a congregational meeting was held. Mr. Lee gave a report on the financial business conducted throughout the year. An estimate was given by the rector of this coming year's expenses.

Elections were then held for the coming year's officers. Members of the vestry were elected as follows — Mr. Watts, People's Warden; Mr. Lee, Vicar's Warden; with Mrs. Glover, Mr. Stevenson and Mr. D. Evans.

Mr. T. Evans was elected auditor and E. Lee reporter.

The representatives to synod are Mr. D. Evans and Mr. I. Lee.

After moving the meeting adjourn, the evening came to a close with a tasty lunch served by the ladies.

The Christmas service was held Sunday, December 27th and was well attended. Following the service the rector collected the children's Sunday School lessons which had been completed to date.

**ST. HELEN'S, STELLAVILLE**

Rev. R. N. Alcock

Does anyone getting The Churchman like pigeon pie? If so, we have some of the ingredients, in the form of pigeons. St. Helen's, we feel, should have been dedicated to St. Francis Assisi. We have many church-attending pigeons in this Parish; in fact, they never leave the church, it seems. The belfrey houses a goodly quantity of them and it is nip and tuck between the Vicar and the pigeons when it is time for the sermon. Come spring we will "shoo" them out and put wire screens up in order to discourage them.

St. Helen's looked beautiful this Christmas when it was decorated for the Carol and Candle Light Service. Spruce boughs adorned the Church and their sweet aroma filled the air, mingled with the smell of candle wax. Many of the parishoners brought candle sticks to supplement those brought by the Vicar and they were placed on the Altar and in the windows. St. Helen's, we feel, is a beautiful little Church at any time, with its two stained glass windows in the East end, but it looked even more beautiful decked for Christmas. Everyone enjoyed the Service and a good number stayed to receive their Christmas Communion. We understand that the spruce boughs came from Mrs. W. Jackson of St. Alban's, so many thanks to Mrs. Jackson for her kindness.

**SALTAUX**

Rev. R. N. Alcock

We did not know a school house could look so attractive until we had our Carol and Candle Light Service when the school was bedecked with spruce boughs and candles. It is the first time we have had such a service at Saltaux

and it was enjoyed very much by all. The Vicar brought the boughs from Stellaville and decorated the school and put the candles into place. It certainly gave us the feeling of Christmas. Upon the altar was placed a small Nativity set surrounded with candles and holly, bringing, as it were, Bethlehem into our very Service. Following the Carol Service the Service of Holy Communion was celebrated and many stayed to make their Christmas Communion. We realize that the Holy Communion is usually a morning Service but due to the fact the Vicar has so many places to go during Christmas week, we were happy to have an evening Communion.

The Annual Meeting of the Parishoners was held on Jan. 12th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Renspies. There was a good turnout and Wardens and Vestry were elected for the coming year. It was proposed that a new Altar be built to replace the rickety teacher's desk that threatens to fall down at every service, plus back drop and communion rails. We also need a Prayer desk and it is hoped this will be obtained later. The Vicar is looking after the procuring of materials needed so we hope we will have some Church furnishings in the near future. Following the meeting our hostess served a delicious lunch. We wish to thank the Renspies for their kindness in offering their home for the meeting.

**WILBERFORCE**

Rev. R. N. Alcock

There was a good congregation for the Carol Service held here this Christmas and we sang carols until we could hardly sing any more. We do not know how the Vicar's voice lasted all through Christmastide. Following the Carol Service the Little Helper's Party was held with not as many of the children attending as last year, on account of illness. We hope that next year there will be more. The adults all stayed for the party and watched the children enjoy games and receive gifts. There was a lunch served following the party.

We were sorry to hear that Mr. Nash, Sr., was in the Mannville Hospital but are happy to see him home again and sincerely hope he is feeling better.

The W.A. met at the home of Mrs. Davis in Minburn for the St. Andrew's Day Service. There was a good number of the ladies present and the Vicar brought an Altar set with him for the Service, plus the portable organ which Mrs. Alcock played. Following the Service, lunch was served and all the details for the Bazaar discussed.

**INNISFREE and RANFURLY**

Rev. R. N. Alcock

The Vicar came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lailee to celebrate the Holy Communion. There was a good turnout with people coming from Innisfree and Ranfurly to receive their Christmas Communion. Following the Eucharist a delicious lunch was served by our hostess. We hope that in the future we will be able to have more Services.

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**CHRIST CHURCH, MANNVILLE**

Rev. R. N. Alcock

A Candle Light and Carol Service was held the Sunday before Christmas. The church was very nicely decorated in an appropriate way. It really looked nice. There was a good attendance at this service. The Choir piece was "We Three Kings of Orient Are". Holy Communion was celebrated on Christmas Eve, Communion on Christmas Day followed by Family Service. A service was held on St. Steven's Day at ten in the morning. Regular services are again on the usual time schedule and it is hoped that more of the younger members of the congregation will come more often.

The Sunday School concert was, as always, a success and all the kiddies were remembered by Santa Claus. Once again grateful thanks are due to our Sunday School teachers who play such an important part in the work of the church. The teachers held a meeting to decide on the officers for 1954. They are as follows: Superintendent, Mrs. N. Whitson; teachers, Mrs. C. Hamilton, Mrs. Joan Lugg, Mrs. Edith Pedersen and Miss Emma Jackson. Mrs. Hamilton was again asked to act as secretary. We wish these ladies every success in the training of the children.

The choir hopes to start the Easter music very shortly.

Christ Church W.A. met at the home of Mrs. R. S. Johnston for the annual W.A. meeting. Due to extremely cold weather only a small number turned out. The annual report was read by the secretary to those present which showed a very successful year. Mrs. Rutherford, Mrs. McLuckie, Mrs. Manz and K. Sutton had perfect attendance. It was decided to serve lunch for the next two weeks at the curling rink in conjunction with the Happy Hour W.A. and ladies of the Anglican faith. No officers were elected as there were too few present to discuss any alterations which are likely to be made. Another meeting will be held early in February. Mrs. Johnston served a dainty and delicious lunch.

The date for the Annual Congregational meeting has not been set as yet but will be in the near future and it is hoped that a report of same will be in the next issue of The Churchman.

Another year has come to an end and as secretary of the Vestry I want to take

this opportunity to thank you all for the support and co-operation. All in all we have had a successful year but it seems there are always new fields of work opening up and I am asking that we all try to do even better in 1954 than we did in 1953.

N.B.: The subscription to The Churchman is again due. If it is inconvenient to put it on the collection plate, please leave it with either of the wardens or the secretary: Jas. Johnston, Ralph Leitch or Miss K. Sutton. Thank you.

**ST. ALBAN'S, CHAILEY**

Rev. R. N. Alcock

The Candle Light Service was held in Chailey on Dec. 24th at 8 p.m. with a full church. There were over thirty candles. Everybody enjoyed the service very much. Holy Communion was held on Dec. 27th with not a very large attendance. The next service was on Jan. 10th in the morning with a very small attendance. The next service is to be on Jan. 24th in the afternoon. Mr. Alcock is trying to get a confirmation class started in Chailey.

The January meeting of the W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. R. H. Scott on Jan. 6th. A card party was planned for Jan. 15th at the home of Mrs. Geo. Jackson with Mrs. Geo. Jackson and Mrs. T. H. Rostron as co-hostesses. This later had to be postponed on account of the cold weather. Three fancy blotter books were given to the three oldest members. Christmas cards from Rev. and Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Hollyoake were passed around and a letter was read from Miss Shuttleworth, an associate member. Some bazaar articles were planned to be auctioned at some forthcoming party. Fruit juice had been sent to a couple of district residents who had been in the hospital. Mrs. K. Blackburn read from the Study Book. A sympathy card had been sent to Canon and Mrs. Teape.

**ST. MARK'S, BLACKFOOT**

Rev. R. T. Clennett

The Annual Meeting of the W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. Robison on Jan. 7th. A report of the year's work was given. The officer re-elected were: President, Mrs. Haight; Vice-President, Mrs. Davies; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Anthony; Thankoffering Secretary, Mrs. Robison; E.C.D., Mrs. Harvard; Educational Secretary, Mrs. Anthony; Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. Haight. The Study Book, "Africa Steps Out", was introduced.

The Sunday School held its service at 2.30 p.m. on Dec. 20th with 33 out. One of the boys read the lesson, another took up the collection, and a girl played most of the hymns. We are grateful to Donna Tingley and Anne George for helping with the work. Lunch was served in the school by Mrs. Tingley, Mrs. Kay and Mrs. George. After lunch gifts and

a treat were distributed to the children. The Sunday School will be closed for the three winter months.

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST  
GRAND CENTRE**

H. J. Ayres

Since our last report we enjoyed a visit from Rev. and Mrs. Wolff of St. Stephen's Church, Edmonton, for our Harvest Festival Services on October 25th. Regular services each Sunday were held during November and December and Confirmation Classes, resulting in ten candidates completing their preparation. Our Christmas Services were held on Dec. 20th and we were very grateful to Rev. Alex Heron for coming to us, and so well fulfilling two busy days of priestly labor.

On Dec. 19th George Kienitz and Lottie Clipperton were united in Holy Marriage. The service was well attended by many friends.

On Dec. 27th, Feast of St. John the Evangelist, we held our Annual Young People's Service, and this year the entire service, including the two addresses, was taken by the boys.

The usual Crib Service, held on Dec. 24th at 8 p.m., was well attended and represented a real devotion and thanksgiving for God's gift to the world and for our Christmas Communion.

At last we are again hearing our organ in church and are grateful to Mrs. Batke for her services.

We have been very busy in our social life and work in the family. The Guild ladies held their annual sale and dance on November 20th, and as usual were pleased with the results. On Dec. 27th, the Annual Church Family Party was held in the Parish hall with about one hundred adults and children in attendance. The Servers' Guild enjoyed their usual Christmas supper at the Rectory on Dec. 28th and on Dec. 29th a party was held in the Rectory for the Scouts. The following night a similar party was held for the Cubs. New Year's Eve was ushered in with the usual dance in the Parish hall with a very large attendance.

Our thanks to Mr. Lawrence Ward, who in taking over the care of the hall, has served to bring greater comfort and more efficient handling of all functions held there.

The Annual Meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at the Rectory on Jan. 7th with officers being elected as follows: President, Mrs. Wotherspoon; Vice-president, Mrs. Russel Smith; Secretary-treasurer, Mrs. L. Ward. The meeting expressed regret at losing our Bishop and Mr. Ayers in his address, asked for the same loyalty to the Bishop-elect. There was an excellent attendance of members at this meeting.

**Holy Baptism**—Bradley Mark Axani; Donald Bruce Wigglesworth; Laura Jean Wigglesworth; Terry Bamber.

**Marriage**—George Edward Kienitz and Lottie Naomi Clipperton.

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# Rural Deanery of Wainwright

ST. THOMAS, WAINWRIGHT,  
ST. MARY'S, IRMA

Rev. J. Moorhouse

In December, the ladies of St. Mary's Church were pleased with the results of a sale of work and home-cooking. This Christmas was a sad one for one family in the Parish, and we pray God's blessing for them in their bereavement. The Parish is now preparing for the Annual Meeting to be held on the 20th of January.

December saw the Park Branch W.A. wind up its year's activities and elect a new executive for the coming year: President, Mrs. Galipeau; Vice-President, Mrs. Boyd; Secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Whitman; Dorcas, Mrs. Lissimore; Educational, Mrs. Riome. The Parish is grateful indeed for the work that this Branch has done this past year.

On December 20th, the Choir joined the other Church Choirs of Wainwright to give the Annual Christmas Concert, held this year in the Alma Theatre. Our Choir was well prepared and contributed much to the program. The Carol Service was held on the Sunday following Christmas, and again the Choir performed its duties with excellence. That Sunday also saw nine children baptised and one adult at a Public Baptism.

On Jan. 5th, the Senior W.A. held its Annual Meeting and reviewed a year of successful endeavor. The following members were elected to the Executive for 1954: President, Miss Bacon; first Vice-President, Mrs. McQuarrie; second Vice-President, Mrs. Griffiths; Secretary, Mrs. Perkins; Treasurer, Mrs. Lally; Dorcas, Mrs. Wear, Mrs. Bushey; Educational, Mrs. Griffiths; Prayer Partner, Mrs. McQuarrie; Sewing, Mrs. Middlemass; Little Helpers, Mrs. Seabrook; G.A., Mrs. Perkins; E.C.D. and U.T.O., Mrs. Barnhill.

The Parish Annual Meeting was held this year on January 11th. The proceedings began with a supper, paid for by the Vestry, and convened by the Senior W.A. Sixty parishioners attended the meeting and supper, and heard reports of a year of spiritual and physical growth in St. Thomas Parish. As in the other Parishes of the Diocese, the coming year holds a challenge of increased financial responsibility, and the evidence of the meeting is that we are capable of answering it. The following officers were appointed and elected: Rector's Warden, Mr. Riome; People's Warden, Mr. Griffiths; Vestry, Miss Bacon, Mrs. McLeod, Mrs. Sutherland, Messrs Ascah, Studd, Humphries, Carne, Hutchinson, Roberts, Milner, Lissimore and Wear. The Parish Meeting expressed its gratitude especially to some of its members for service during the past years: Mrs. Griffiths and the Sunday School staff; Mrs. Seabrook, Altar Guild and Little Helpers; Mrs. Sutherland, the J.A. leader and Sunday School teacher; Mrs. Perkins, who re-organized the G.A. this past year; the

two wardens, Mr. Griffiths and Mr. Riome.

In Dec., services were resumed in the Giltedge District, after a period of some years. At present the Services are held every two weeks at the Plaxtonville School. One of these in Dec. was a Public Baptism, and so there was a large congregation that day. It is hoped that a regular congregation will be gathered together, and that in a year perhaps a Parish may be organized.

**Baptisms** — Marilynn Elsie Teeter, Donna Irene Teeter, Larry Robert Teeter, Colin Earl Plaxton, William Neil Plaxton, Alice Adeline Templeton, Vernon Eric Templeton, Wesley James Sheridan, Douglas Brian McLeod, Margery Marie Lawson, Sandra Irene Lawson, Claude William Rathwell, Deborah Pauline Forestier, Sandra Patrice Nairne, Patricia Elizabeth Wilson, Eleanor Jane Wilson, Robert John Moorhouse, Elva Irene Younker.

## RODINO

Rev. V. P. Cole

We held our Annual Christmas party for the children of the Parish in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Vandervoote on Sat. evening, Dec. 19th. We all enjoyed carol singing recitations, solos and duets by the children. Each child received a nice gift and a sock full of treats and Santa was present to give out the gifts. All

the little Church Members who live in the district were present except little Miss Goldie Hunter who we are sorry to say was ill that night. Our party closed with a delicious lunch donated by the W.A. members.

Our Christmas Service was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nash. Miss Ellen Nash was home from work for the day and able to enjoy the Service.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Johnston is again a patient in the Viking Hospital. We all hope she will soon be able to come home again.

We wish to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. A. Winfield on the birth of a son January 2nd.

Our Annual W.A. meeting is to be held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Daniel on Jan. 19th (weather and roads permitting) plans are being made for a few social evenings to raise our funds a little. Our President and her husband (Mr. and Mrs. W. Revill) are away for a short while, visiting relatives and friends. They are greatly missed by us all, we hope they have an enjoyable holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paget kindly gave us the use of a vacant house on their property for Church Services and Social Activities. We appreciate this very much. The members and Mrs. Paget gave the house a little clean up and the men folks put up heaters, fixed windows, doors etc. Mrs. Paget and Mrs. Nash donated a few curtains to make it more homelike. The house had been battered up a little with hail last summer.

# Rural Deanery of Wetaskiwin

ST. MARY'S, PONOKA

Rev. F. E. Smith

St. Mary's had a very successful Sunday School Christmas party Dec. 19th. The children did very well in their little acts of singing and reciting. Their faces beamed when Santa Claus arrived and presented them with gifts and treats, they all went home feeling very happy.

On Jan. 5th members of St. Mary's W.A., afternoon group, met at the home of Mrs. J. Paterson, with Mrs. W. J. Young presiding. Mrs. J. Paterson read the Scripture portion, Mrs. E. Noden, prayer partner, had the prayer, also read the educational reading. Mrs. Bartley called the roll, there were 21 members present. The Annual financial statement read by Mrs. Paterson was accepted. Members were pleased to note that all obligations had been met and a satisfactory balance remained. It was agreed to serve supper at the annual congregational meeting Jan. 28th, 1954. Reports of standing committees were accepted with much satisfaction. Three new members were enrolled.

It was with deep regret that we learned of our member Mrs. Henderson receiving the very sad news Dec. 31st of their son's untimely death in Africa. Captain Evans Henderson was connected

with the Desert Locust Control of East Africa. We all extend deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Henderson and family.

We regret the passing of a very dear member of St. Mary's congregation, Mrs. Drinning who died after a very short illness in her 78th year.

The Evening group of St. Mary's met at the Nurses Home, Prov Hospital, Jan. 6th with Mrs. P. Wilkins presiding, 16 members present and two new members enrolled. Election of Officers—all Officers of last year went back for 1954.

They had a very successful sale of greeting cards, paper napkins etc, which was profitable. The evening business was concluded with a very enjoyable pot luck supper.

ST. JOHN'S, MILLET

Rev. F. E. Smith

Members of the Guild of St. John's, Millet, wish to thank all who very kindly helped in so many ways to make their Fall Tea and Bazaar such a success on November 28th.

During the Christmas services the congregation welcomed the visit of two guests from Immanuel College Saskatoon. Mr. R. Maggs and Mr. E. Elliott, who along with the choir and organist from

Wetaskiwin gave a very inspiring Carol service. Our thanks are extended to the Wetaskiwin choir who braved the weather to come to Millet. Tea was served following the service at the home of V. M. Gardiner, Mrs. N. Alin and Mrs. J. Morrow as hostesses.

The purchase of the Wetaskiwin organ for our Church is a great improvement and will be enjoyed by all.

The Church annual meeting will be held at the home of Mr. E. R. Haskins on Jan. 27th at eight p.m.

#### ST. DUNSTAN'S, BITTERN LAKE

Rev. E. M. Evans

The W.A. Annual was held Dec. 17th at the home of Mrs. J. G. Baker. The report of the Sec. Treas. showed that all obligations had been met, and that there was a nice balance on hand to start 1954. The Dorcas Sec. reported on the part outfit provided for an Indian girl and that a number of articles made and contributed by members had been sold.

The Rector was present and took the chair during the election of officers. The only change in the 1953 slate of officers being the election of Mrs. Wm. Ramsell as Educational Secretary. At the conclusion of the meeting the hostess served afternoon tea.

The Nativity Pageant put on by the Sunday School on the Sunday after Christmas was something new in this parish and quite a success. The children greeted the idea and carried it through with enthusiasm, yet with reverence. Special thanks are due our Rector and Mrs. Horace Ramsell for their direction and work in connection with it.

After the pageant, which was held in the church, we all met in the Community Hall for lunch and the distribution of gifts to the Sunday School pupils.

A number of people here regretted that the condition of the roads prevented their attendance at the Reception for the Archbishop in Edmonton.

The clergy of this Deanery will hold their monthly meeting at Bittern Lake Jan. 17th. Three members of the W.A. are extending hospitality to them at the home of Mrs. C. T. C. Roper.

#### ST. PAUL'S LEDUC

Archdeacon C. F. A. Clough

The church was beautifully decorated for the Christmas service and there was a good attendance.

The W.A. met at the home of Mrs. N. R. Wilkinson with eight members and Archdeacon Clough present. The regular and annual meetings were held. The following officers were elected and re-elected, President, Miss Alice Simpson, Vice-President, Mrs. Art Knull, Secretary, Mrs. E. O. Wilkinson, Treasurer, Mrs. H. Wetter, Educational Secretary, Mrs. C. F. A. Clough. The U.T.O. boxes were handed in and a large amount realized. The bale was accepted. The President thanked the members for their co-operation during the year. Archdeacon Clough thanked the President and officers

and members for their help. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. P. Atkinson.

The Sunday School Pupils, and Mothers and Grandmother Westlake of Tofield enjoyed a jolly time in the Parish Hall recently.

We are grateful to have the services of Mr. P. Atkinson and Mrs. H. Wetter in our Sunday School. Archdeacon Clough presented Doreen Wilkinson with a Bible, a gift of the United Society for Christian Literature, for proficiency in Biblical Knowledge, at morning service recently.

#### ST. ANDREW'S, CAMROSE

Rev. E. M. Evans

Our Church assumed one more Beauty when the Cross and Tower flood-lit, shining far, became our exterior Christmas decoration. Will the Chi Rho please accept our thanks; also the Altar Guild for the hours they spent decorating, the result was breath-taking.

The Choral Eucharist at midnight on Christmas Eve, brought the real meaning of the Holy Season very close. Two new Servers assisted for the first time, and these, with the Choir boys making their first appearance after being trained for two months, added an air of expectancy to our Service. A Children's Service was held at 11 o'clock on Christmas Day. The Christmas Festival was observed by Services on the succeeding major Saint's Days, which bring to mind the incalculable cost of the Birth of our Lord.

On the Sunday after Christmas the children presented White Gifts chosen from their own Christmas presents, and at Evensong we had our Carol Service. The Choir sang four new Carols, and the soloists are to be congratulated. This may sound a little stilted, and we would like to add that those who were in Church that night enjoyed the music very much, and thought it should "be done more often".

Surplices for Choir and Servers were made and presented by the Altar Guild.

Mrs. B. V. Nixon made up the Funeral Pall which was also presented to the Church by the Altar Guild and first used for the funeral of Mr. Bob Campbell, the "oldest" of our old timers in the Church. Bob, who has served this community faithfully in many public capacities all his life, will be sorely missed from the Church Family, into which he was confirmed 8 years ago.

The Sunday School entertained the Parish at their annual Christmas Party with a Christmas Pageant. One parent was heard to remark after having observed the struggles of the Cherubic Choir to stand still, 'there was war in Heaven!' These young humans charmed everybody, and the whole Pageant has been spoken of in such terms as "lovely, splendid". Refreshments of chocolate milk, cake and cookies were later enjoyed by the young people, tea being served to the grown-ups, many of whom went to see the Beauty of the Nativity portrayed by youth. Santa Claus was there in person

to hand out gifts from the Christmas Tree.

Those who costumed the children deserve a hearty vote of thanks, and special mention should be made of the magnificent crowns.

The Afternoon W.A., held their first business meeting on the 5th of Jan., when the new officers took over. Annual Reports were read by the Sec. and Treas. The Rector was present at the meeting, and expressed his sincere appreciation of the work of the past year.

The Evening Group of the W.A. report a record attendance at their first business meeting, and they, too, heard annual reports, and their new officers took on responsibility. Also at this meeting Mrs. Betty Ferris announced the plans of the Mothers' Union.

Fourteen mothers turned out to the first meeting, with twenty-two Little Helpers. Above the roar, it was decided that Mrs. Ferris would act as "Boss", with Mrs. Margaret McLean as her voluntary assistant. Meetings will be held once a month, at which a speaker on some aspect of parental care of children will be questioned.

Another venture in conjunction with the Mothers' Union will be a nursery on Sunday mornings, where there will be one member and a helper to supervise the small people so that their mothers can be free to attend the 11 o'clock Services.

Chi Rho held a Supper by Candlelight in the Guild Room on Tuesday, Jan. 12th, and found the number of "eaters" encouraging, twenty-one to be precise. This was followed by the business meeting. Acting as Chairman, the Rector complimented them on the work accomplished by the Club during the past year, emphasizing the work on the Parish Hall. Officers for 1954 are as follows: President, Frank Neil; Vice-President, Bernice Lomas; Secretary-Treas., Gladys Nixon. The Programme Committee consists of six members.

The success and joy of Chi Rho depend on the loyalty of each one of its members.

**Baptisms**—Debra Joyce Louise Taylor, Louise Powell.

**Death**—Robert Walter Campbell.

#### SEDGEWICK

Rev. E. Fowler

The busy Christmas Season is over, but it brought much joy to all, particularly to the children. On the Wednesday evening, the 23rd, the Sunday School teachers and children, under the able direction of Mrs. Stuart Galletly and Mrs. Elmer Johnson staged a Christmas Pageant in the church before a large number of parents and friends. The children, in character costumes, performed admirably and their efforts were greatly appreciated. To the ladies who were responsible for the dressing and training of the children we are deeply grateful. It was a most pleasing performance.

Immediately following the pageant, parents and children went into the church hall for a Christmas party. After games, the excited children received a visit from Santa Claus, who distributed gifts to them, and later bags of candies. As soon as refreshments had been enjoyed, a film, in sound and color, entitled "The Littlest Angel", was shown and greatly enjoyed by all.

W.A.—The Jan. meeting was held on the 12th at the home of Mrs. H. Richardson with Mrs. D. Galletly presiding. Other than the arrangements for a Bridge and Whist Drive on Jan. 21st the business was routine. After the concluding prayer, refreshments were served.

### KILLAM

There was a large gathering of parents and friends on Dec. 18th at the home of Mrs. Hugh Brodie. The occasion was the Sunday School Christmas Party. The Superintendent, Mrs. Jas. Chevaux, directed and she and her staff are to be complimented upon the delightful program of recitations, songs, carols, solos and a tableau which was presented. The children, from the eldest to the tiniest tot, performed splendidly and won the approbation of all. It was a tribute to their teaching that everything went so smoothly and efficiently. A sumptuous repast was provided after Mrs. Hugh Brodie had distributed a huge Christmas stocking crammed with fruit and candies to each child, and other gifts to the teachers. It was a most happy and memorable function.

The midnight celebration of Holy Communion was attended by a very large congregation, while on the Sunday following, another well-filled church enjoyed a service of carols. An outstanding feature was the rendering by the Choir of the old English carol, "The Holly and the Ivy", in which Mrs. Lorne Mallett sang the solo part with pleasing expression and richness of tone.

On Boxing Day, the whole parish was shocked by the news of the sudden death of Mr. Anthony W. Cyr. He was a loyal Anglican, a valued member of our Vestry and a most likeable character. His loss will be deeply felt by the community and the Church. To Mrs. Cyr and her family we offer our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

Burial—Anthony William Cyr, Dec. 29th.

### LOUGHEED

There was a large congregation present on Dec. 20th for the Christmas celebration of Holy Communion. During the service Holy Baptism was administered.

The W.A. hope to sponsor a Parish gathering for supper and games in the near future, at which all children, their parents and friends will be welcomed. Further particulars later.

Baptism — Wendy Elaine Cookson, Dec. 20th.

### IMMANUEL, WETASKIWIN

Rev. F. E. Smith

The carol service and Christmas communion services were well attended by Immanuel parishioners. The church was very festive with spruce bough decorations, the work of Godfrey Baker. The choir was out in full strength at these services and also spent a pleasant Sunday afternoon at St. John's, Millet, where they participated in the carol service. Following the service they were guests at the home of Mrs. V. M. Gardiner, where lunch was served.

Roger Maggs and friend "Mac" Elliot from Immanuel College Saskatoon spent the Christmas and New Year holiday at Roger's home here, and both took an active part in our services. They have now returned to their studies.

The annual parish meeting was attended by about forty parishioners. Charlie Bailey read the minutes of last year's meeting before reports were given by the rector, the wardens, and numerous secretaries of church groups.

The rector in his report, reviewed the year's work and progress in the parish. The purchase of the new organ he referred to as the realization of a dream which at the start of the year had seemed to be mere wishful thinking. This achievement is due to the efficiency of the vestry, the efforts of numerous parish groups and the generosity of the parishioners. Improvements were made and upkeep maintained in the church, rectory, and parish hall with the voluntary labor of vestrymen and the funds made available by the W.A. groups. Paint used was kindly donated by Fred Frederickson.

The rector expressed pleasure at the formation of the Men's Club and paid tribute to the men for their efforts in their bazaar and waffle supper in April, which substantially boosted the organ fund at that time.

Quoting parochial statistics, Rev. Smith was pleased to note an increase in communicants attending Holy Communion services of which 53 were held during 1953 with 702 communicants. In addition 158 other services were held to make a total of 211 services for the year.

A vote of thanks to leaders of parish groups was extended and particular praise given to the work of rector's warden Joe Blocksidge. Expressing regret on losing Mr. Blocksidge, who is leaving Wetaskiwin to take a promotion in his profession, the rector said "he's a mighty good man to have in a community, and we will miss him."

In closing Rev. Smith said that 1954 would have its problems for the church, but he has every confidence that these will be surmounted by the parishioners.

Wardens Lee Wing and Joe Blocksidge both reported having enjoyed their work and the associations that went with it.

Reports from the afternoon and evening branches of the W.A. were given by Mrs. P. Maggs, Mrs. T. Palfrey and Mrs. Lidgett. Mrs. Higginson reported

for the Altar Guild. Mr. Smith thanked the ladies of the parish for their efforts during 1953 and mentioned that the Altar Guild had recently provided twenty new prayer books in the church.

Walter Kimmel reported an increase in Sunday School attendance and stated that a teacher shortage was the prime problem. He paid tribute to those who taught during the past year, especially Mrs. R. Angus.

The Girl's Auxiliary held weekly meetings last year, assisted with some W.A. functions and held their own pancake supper reported Mrs. C. Bailey. Miss Shirley Lidgett, who has been active in the leadership of J.A. and G.A. groups is now girl's supervisor at the Indian Residential School in Prince Albert. A farewell party was held and a gift presented to Shirley in recognition of her work here.

Mrs. Smith reported on J.A. activities stating that the highlights of the year had been attendance at the Diocesan festival. The girls also enjoyed two supper parties.

Dick Clements outlined the Men's club meetings held and said the club had been addressed by three clergymen, Rev. E. Evans, Camrose, Rev. Grant Sparling, All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton, and Rev. Jack Gibbons, Winfield. Informal discussions with the guest on each occasion had been the factor that made the meetings so enjoyable.

Organist Ken Campbell expressed the hope of larger choir attendance in the future.

Mrs. Mortimer reported on the Little Helpers group activities.

P. J. Maggs was named rector's warden and Denis Marryatt was chosen as People's Warden. Vestrymen nominated included E. Sweatman, S. Cole, J. P. Lynn, Lee Wing, C. Bailey, W. Kimmel, Dick Clements, Ken Campbell, Rod French, Jack Malden and R. Maynard. Three life members, Messrs. G. Baker, P. J. Maggs and T. Palfrey will of course continue to serve. Denis Marryatt, W. Kimmel and P. J. Maggs were named as synod delegates.

During lunch, served by the ladies, Rev. Smith presented to Mr. and Mrs. Blocksidge an electric toaster on behalf of the congregation, Mr. Blocksidge replied with fitting words.

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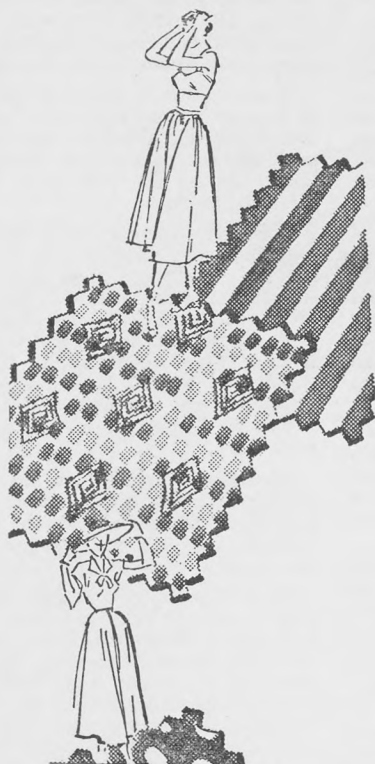
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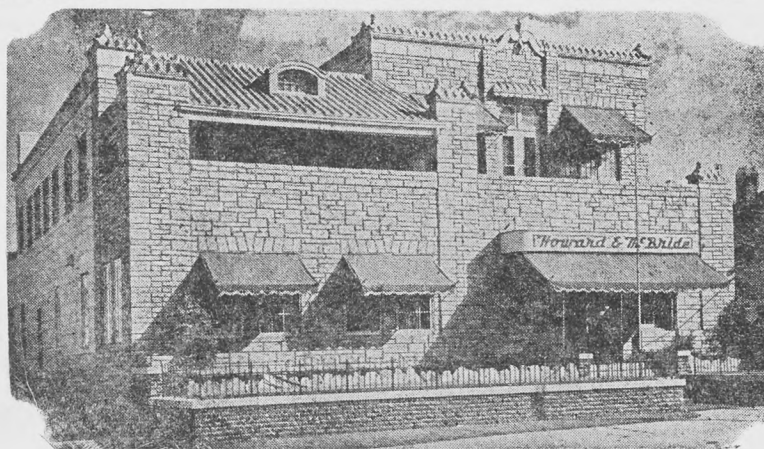
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